

STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS

RE: Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Service to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, Including Third Generation Wireless Systems, ET Docket No. 00-258, et al.

While I support this Notice of Public rulemaking, I want to note my serious concern with the impact of this proceeding on the Broadcast Auxiliary Service ("BAS"). I am pleased that the Commission states in the NPRM that it is "concerned about the impact on future BAS growth." I know that broadcasters will participate fully in this proceeding and will help us to understand the implication of our proposal. I hope that the Commission will carefully study the impact on our upcoming decision on future BAS growth.