

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY**

Re: Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems (CC Docket No. 94-102); and Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 to Implement the Global Mobile Personal Communications by Satellite (MPCS) Memorandum of Understanding and Arrangements; Petition of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to Amend Part 25 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Emissions Limits for Mobile and Portable Earth Stations Operating in the 1610-1660.5 MHz Band (IB Docket No. 99-67).

Today's item is another step in the Commission's efforts to ensure that E911 capability is available in a timely and efficient manner to all segments of the United States population. Today we clarify our existing E911 rules to delineate which additional technologies and services will be required to transmit E911 information to public safety answer points. This order ensures that consumers will have access to critical public safety services in the near future through mobile satellite services (MSS), telematic services that offer commercial mobile wireless services, and prepaid and resold commercial mobile wireless service services. We are also setting a framework for reviewing state implementation of E911 service over multi-line telephone systems. Our goals are three fold: first, meet the reasonable expectations of consumers to have access to emergency services; second, strengthen the ability of all American's to access public safety in times of crisis; and third, enable entities offering access to E911 services to operate in a competitive marketplace.

Access to E911 services continues to be a top priority of mine. I look forward to reviewing the record gathered in response to the Further NPRM on issues concerning the implementation of E911 service over the ancillary terrestrial component of MSS and certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements for MSS deployment of E911.