

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER KEVIN J. MARTIN**

Re: Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Albemarle and Indian Trail, North Carolina), Memorandum Opinion and Order.

Local radio stations play an important role in their communities, providing local news, information and entertainment to residents, and generally serving as good corporate citizens in the local community life. This is particularly true in smaller towns, where the radio stations are limited in number. Yet there are still rural areas of our country that do not have even one local radio station. As a native of this part of North Carolina, I am therefore particularly pleased to approve the first local broadcast radio service in Indian Trail. I hope this new station serves the community well.