

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONERS MICHAEL J. COPPS AND
JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

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

This item initiates an important discussion on the relocation procedures that ultimately will apply to Broadband Radio Service (BRS) licensees in the 2150-2160/62 MHz band. This discussion is particularly significant because the adopted procedures will have a direct impact on a subgroup of future Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) licensees that will be responsible for relocation of the BRS portion of the AWS spectrum block. Consequently, timely resolution of the relocation issues raised in the NPRM portion of this item is critical to the Commission's current plans to conduct an auction of AWS spectrum next summer.

Over seven (7) weeks ago, we and our colleagues committed to launching a proceeding to examine the narrow issue of limiting the ability of designated entities (DEs) who have a relationship with the largest wireless carriers from having access to bidding credits in the AWS and other future auctions. We remain very interested in a timely resolution of this issue and firmly believe that it can be completed well in advance of next year's auction. The Commission now has several open proceedings affecting the upcoming AWS auction that need to be resolved before a successful AWS auction can be held. We need to move quickly on the DE question just as we are doing with the proceeding at hand.