STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS

Re: Paxson Communications License Company, LLC (Assignor) and Univision Communications, Inc. (Assignee) For Consent to the Assignment of the License for Station KTFF(TV), Porterville, California (File No. BALCT-20020730ABO, Facility ID No. 35512)

While I support today's decision, I would have preferred an outcome whereby the Commission resolved all issues simultaneously with the grant of assignment that was made back in 2003. The petitioner has raised genuine questions about, among other things, possible violations of the right to reject rule and time option rule. Yet by segregating the license transfer from questions about the licensee's compliance with our rules, analysis of serious issues is put off and denied timely resolution. So I urge the Commission to move forward and resolve these underlying questions—without further delay.