

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *Applications of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc., Guam Wireless Telephone Company, LLC, and DoCoMo Guam Holdings, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control and Assign Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 06-96.*

I am always troubled when the Federal Communications Commission allows entities that are substantially owned or controlled by foreign governments to obtain U.S. licenses. As I have stated before, I believe that significant foreign government ownership or control represents a serious potential threat to U.S. consumers and to competition. There is a fundamental difference between companies that operate in a free market and state-run corporations that may act counter to free market forces.

Nevertheless, because the transaction before us promises to bring meaningful benefits to wireless users in Guam and the CNMI, and in light of the relatively modest magnitude of the foreign investment at issue, I concur in today's decision. I do want to emphasize, however, that the Commission must keep a careful eye on future developments in these markets and act swiftly in response to any evidence of anti-competitive or anti-consumer tactics.