STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

Re: Revision of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Memorandum Opinion and Order; ET Docket No. 03-122

I am pleased to support this item because it marks the beginning of a significant new phase in the development and deployment of wireless broadband services. The growth of unlicensed devices over the past several years, in particular, has been an unmitigated success, and our decision today paves the way for the authorization of devices to use an additional 255 MHz of spectrum in the 5 GHz band, a significant increase in spectrum capacity for unlicensed uses.

Much credit for our decision goes to the joint efforts of industry and Government representatives through our ITAC-R Government/Industry Project Team. They have worked tirelessly to develop revised equipment authorization requirements for proposed devices in the band using dynamic frequency selection (DFS). I am hopeful that their ground breaking work on DFS and measurement procedures will allow us to develop innovative and creative spectrum policies in the future.