

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN ADELSTEIN**

*Re: MariTel, Inc.; Request to Extend Construction Deadline for Certain VHF Public Coast Station Geographic Area Licenses; File Nos. 0001252148 et al.*

I write separately to emphasize the narrow scope of our decision today. We should only rarely allow a waiver of our construction deadlines. I believe that the atypical circumstances and obligations presented by the VHF Public Coast Service are sufficiently unique to warrant a modest amount of additional time to allow MariTel to comply with its construction requirement.

I am particularly pleased that we have conditioned our waiver grant on the submission by MariTel of a deployment plan explaining how the construction obligations will be satisfied in its unserved areas. I also support our willingness to take appropriate action in the event the deployment plan is not sufficiently meaningful to give us the necessary assurance that construction will occur on a timely basis.