

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

*Amendment of Part 101 of the Commission's Rules to Modify Antenna Requirements for the 10.7 – 11.7 GHz Band; Nextlink Wireless, Inc.; First Avenue Networks, Inc.; Telecom Transport Management, Inc.; Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC; WT Docket No. 07-54, RM-11043.*

This order provides the kind of useful regulatory relief that is too often overlooked in the good work of the Commission. In adopting this order, the Commission enables the use of smaller, two-foot antennas by Fixed Service (FS) licensees in the 10.7 – 11.7 GHz band, while confirming its commitment to avoid harmful interference to existing Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) licensees that also use the band. Fixed Service licensees will be able to offer service from locations that cannot or will not allow for larger antennas that were previously required as a result of the Commission's rules, thus enabling expansion in more areas and more potential entrants in the market. These licensees provide broadband services to schools and libraries and businesses, wireless backhaul to cellular carriers, and other services. As advances in technology surge ahead and the Commission continues to make more spectrum available to provide highly valued services, fixed services will be increasingly important in providing part of the backbone of this broadband infrastructure.

I am, therefore, pleased to support this item. I thank the Chairman for his leadership in getting this issue before the Commission, as well as the staff of the Wireless Bureau for their hard work on the item.