

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN**

Re: *Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2155-2175 MHz Band,*
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Today's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") will give due consideration to the variety of proposals for the use of the 2155-2175 megahertz band. Opening this proceeding will allow the Commission to take full consideration of the many suggestions for use of this band, and facilitate full input by all parties and the public as to the best use of this spectrum. For example, many have suggested that we should auction this spectrum band, while still others suggest that due to the high demand for this spectrum we should consider unlicensed use of the band. Some have also suggested that we should condition this band on requirements including openness to devices and/or with the winner being required to provide 384 kbps downstream and 128 kbps upstream of access for free. This NPRM will enable us and the public to give full attention to each of these suggestions, and enable the Commission to adopt flexible rules that will encourage the innovative use of this unique piece of spectrum.

Promoting broadband deployment and increasing penetration continues to be one of the Commission's highest priorities. This spectrum has the potential to encourage the provision of a variety of broadband services in support of this goal, and I am pleased that the Commission has committed to address these issues in a prompt manner. I look forward to working with my colleagues to bring this spectrum's potential to the public quickly.