

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

RE: OP LLC (Crown Castle International Corp.), Licensee of WPYQ831, Petition for Waiver of Section 27.50(f)(1) of the Commission's Rules, File No. 0002271317, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, FCC 07-16

I am pleased that the Commission has ruled on the request for waiver submitted by 1670-1675 MHz licensee Crown Castle. Today's action exemplifies the strong public interest benefits associated with a flexible spectrum policy that allows entrepreneurs, rather than regulators, to determine how best to maximize our limited spectrum resources. Indeed, in permitting Crown Castle to design, build and operate its network at higher powers, we pave the way for this entrant to ultimately roll-out an innovative and exciting mobile broadband video service -- known as Modeo -- to American consumers living in urban, rural, insular and tribal areas. At the same time, we are continuing to protect government users in this spectrum band, as well as other users in adjacent bands. This is precisely the type of action the Commission must continuously and expeditiously take to provide the certainty necessary for our country's entrepreneurs to forge ahead with advanced broadband offerings. As such, I wholeheartedly support it.