

**STATEMENT OF  
CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN**

*Re: Telephone Number Requirements for IP-Enabled Services Providers; Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements; IP-Enabled Services; Telephone Number Portability; CTIA Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on Wireline-Wireless Porting Issues; Numbering Resource Optimization, WC Docket Nos. 07-243, 07-244, 04-36, CC Docket Nos. 95-116, 99-200*

I am pleased the Commission today adopts this item addressing local number portability because it provides important consumer benefits by promoting competition for consumer telephone services. I have consistently supported local number portability because it allows consumers to choose a cheaper or more innovative service. I have also consistently maintained that establishing a level playing field promotes competition. As interconnected VoIP providers have increasingly entered the market, it is important that consumers be able to transfer their number to and from these providers just like transfers between carriers. I also support the actions to streamline the process and time required to switch from wireline to wireless service in order to provide consumers the ability to change providers without undue burden or delay.