

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscriberhip Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscriberhip, Order on Reconsideration WC Docket No. 07-38

Earlier this year, the Commission took an important step by responding to the chorus of voices asking us to collect more accurate and reliable data about broadband deployment. This Commission's new data gathering effort will lay the foundation for developing effective broadband policies. I've long said that a key component of this new broadband data program must include collecting more granular data that enables us to determine who is participating in the broadband revolution and who is not. Though we made important strides toward a more localized understanding of broadband deployment in our March 2008 Order, this Reconsideration Order takes a critical additional step. In fact, without this fundamental change, the usefulness of the improvements we made in March would have been severely compromised. By now distinguishing between residential and business customers at a more granular level, we will be much better positioned to understand the factors that affect broadband adoption. So, I thank the Chairman and my fellow Commissioners for their willingness to address this concern and look forward to the swift implementation of the new data collection program.