

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: Implementation of the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008, WC Docket No. 08-171

With the passage of the “NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008” (NET 911 Act), Congress made clear that consumers of interconnected VoIP services deserve access to life saving 911 and E911 services and charged this Commission with an active role in transitioning to an IP-enabled emergency communications network.

In this Order we take up the Net 911 Act’s directive that providers of IP-enabled voice services comply with 911 and E911 obligations and that these providers have access to the capabilities necessary to provide 911 and E911 services. The Order adopts a reasonable approach in its implementation of the Net 911 Act’s requirements. Consistent with the Act, it sets out broad standards for access to E911 capabilities, and makes clear that providers are entitled to access capabilities from any entity that owns or controls those capabilities. I note that a number of E911 compliance and policy questions have been raised with respect to dual-mode mobile commercial mobile radio service/VoIP handsets that use Wi-Fi technology. Given the tight Congressional deadline for implementing the Act, and wide concern about limiting the development of more robust E911 solutions, it is appropriate for the Commission to resolve those issues in a separate proceeding.

Finally, I would like to thank the public safety community, carriers, VoIP providers, and all interested stakeholders who have helped us to implement this Act quickly and ensure that E911 services remain robust and reliable. We must remain committed to making E911 a success for these increasingly important services and for the consumers who reach for that critical lifeline in their time of need.