

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

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

With this item, the Commission establishes rules to ensure that service providers have the access they need to enable 911 and E911 service, which Congress has required in the New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008. Whether we are considering rules for use of the 700 MHz D block spectrum, location accuracy for 911 calls, or service providers' access to 911 capabilities, the Commission continues to take steps to ensure that our citizens and public safety service providers have the tools they need to ensure world-class emergency communications capabilities.

I especially want to recognize Congressman Bart Gordon, Congressman Chip Pickering, and Senator Bill Nelson for their longstanding leadership on this issue. It is important that the Commission's implementation of all rules in response to statutory requirements reflect the intent of Congress and the plain language of the laws directing our activities. I believe this item faithfully implements Congress' requirements with regard to 911 and E911 access rules.