

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: *Digital Television Distributed System Technologies; MB Docket No. 05-312*

I support this Report and Order to authorize the use of distributed transmission system (DTS) technology because it should help local broadcasters to better serve their over-the-air viewers who may not receive a good quality signal after the transition to digital television. DTS technology makes broadcast signals available in difficult to reach areas through the use of multiple transmitters in their authorized service areas. For viewers in remote areas, DTS technology means that they could finally receive a reliable signal of their local broadcast television station. DTS technology will help ensure that the DTV transition does not disenfranchise any viewer or household.

While the intentions of this item are noble, the real impact of DTS technology will be judged by our implementation of the rules and standards adopted in this Order. DTS technology should not be used to extend a station's reach into an adjacent market and it should not be used to "cherry-pick" among viewers. I trust the Media Bureau will exercise its delegated authority in a judicious and prudent manner that is consistent with our statutory obligations to promote localism in broadcasting and to minimize the burden of the DTV transition on consumer.

Accordingly, I support this item.