

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: Applications of T-Mobile USA, Inc. and SunCom Wireless Holdings, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 07-237.

Today's decision allows the smallest of the four nationwide carriers to acquire spectrum and wireless customers in five states, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The unopposed transaction does not trigger the 70 MHz spectrum screen that the FCC applied until several months ago (when, over my strong objection, it raised that cap to 95 MHz). Nor should it decrease competition in any part of the United States because the company being acquired does business almost entirely outside the existing footprint of the acquiring company. Instead, this transaction has strong potential to accelerate the deployment of new high-speed services to customers of the acquired company. Accordingly, I am pleased to approve this item.