

**STATEMENT OF
ACTING CHAIRMAN MICHAEL J. COPPS**

RE: Amendment of Parts 2 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Provide Additional Spectrum for the Medical Device Radiocommunication Service in the 413-457 MHz band, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, ET Docket No. 09-36

I am pleased to support this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which examines the possible allocation of additional spectrum and service rules for use by advanced wireless devices that could significantly enhance the quality of life of many Americans that suffer from a wide array of neuromuscular disorders. In particular, this proceeding explores whether 24 megahertz of spectrum in the 400 MHz band could accommodate wideband medical micropower network devices that could serve as artificial nervous systems to restore sensation, mobility, and function to paralyzed limbs and organs. Among the many Americans that could benefit are men and women who, in providing service and sacrifice to this nation, are experiencing combat-related brain and spinal cord injuries.

I would like to give thanks to our Office of Engineering and Technology and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for working closely together in crafting this important Notice.