

**STATEMENT OF  
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

*Re: Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 09-137; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51.*

Ensuring that universal broadband improves the lives of all Americans is an urgent task. Today's item opening a Section 706 inquiry into broadband deployment is another step in the ongoing, agency-wide drive toward developing a National Broadband Plan by February 2010. The Commission is hard at work ensuring that the agency possesses the data needed to make wise policy decisions.