

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: Fostering Innovation and Investment in the Wireless Communications Market (GN Docket No. 09-157); A National Broadband Plan For Our Future (GN Docket No. 09-51)

It is very exciting to embark on this quest to expand and inform our understanding of key innovations in the wireless market. At the outset, I want to thank Chairman Genachowski for his leadership in initiating this Notice of Inquiry which is intended to build on already successful policies in this critical sector.

The wireless marketplace continues to evolve. The past decades of technological advancements and innovations in software, content and handsets are remarkable, capturing the attention of consumers across all demographics. The inquiry we start today is designed to canvass specific areas of wireless innovation, understand any regulatory encumbrances, and elicit new information on how to best promote and enable wireless innovations. I think our efforts here, combined with today's inquiry into competitive conditions in the mobile wireless market, are important steps in the right direction. The extent to which our inquiry will lead to greater competition and innovation in the wireless market can only inure to the benefit of the American consumer.

I am particularly pleased that this item seeks comment on the best methods for repurposing spectrum and the cost factors associated with such reallocations. The questions we raise regarding access models and mechanisms are equally important. As this Notice correctly recognizes, spectrum availability for new services and applications is an ongoing challenge and a handicap on wireless innovation. I greatly look forward to hearing from all of you on ways we can spur the innovative and intensive use of spectrum.

Finally, I am well aware of the protracted interference disputes that can arise when new services and devices are sought to be introduced into a particular shared or adjacent spectrum band. So I'm pleased that this item raises questions regarding alternative approaches to managing spectrum interference. I'm eager to hear back from the public on this and all of the other important questions raised in this Notice.

I thank the staff of both the Wireless Bureau and the Office of Engineering and Technology for your hard work on this item which I'm pleased to support.