

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MEREDITH A. BAKER**

**Re:    *Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service Bands at 1525-1559 MHz and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz, 1610-1626.5 MHz and 2483.5-2500 MHz, and 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz, ET Docket No. 10-142.***

I am pleased to support today's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* and *Notice of Inquiry*, which seek to implement the National Broadband Plan's (NBP) recommendation to accelerate terrestrial deployment in 90 MHz of the Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) bands. Today further paves the way for mobile broadband deployment in that spectrum while also serving as an important step in securing broadband access for all Americans.

We must make more efficient use of spectrum and we must take a long-term view when crafting spectrum policy. Our action today accomplishes both. The NPRM's proposed changes to the Table of Frequency allocation will add flexibility within the bands and consistency internationally. Further, the NPRM proposes to apply the Commission's secondary market policies to MSS/ATC leasing arrangements. This step draws upon the existing regulatory framework set by the Commission with respect to Wireless Radio Services and will provide clear rules and procedures for spectrum leases with third party entities—a significant improvement to our current *ad hoc* approach.

Additionally, today's *Notice of Inquiry* asks important questions about how to best promote the introduction of new mobile broadband services in the 2GHz band and how to increase value, promote utilization, investment and innovation in terrestrial mobile broadband. I am pleased the *NOI* also inquires about the best approaches for creating opportunities for stand-alone terrestrial uses in the 2GHz band.

I want to thank the staffs of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, the International Bureau, and the Office of Engineering and Technology for their work on this item. I look forward to working with my Commission colleagues on other ways to efficiently promote mobile broadband deployment, innovation and investment.