

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: *Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., Transferor To Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., Transferee*, MB Docket No. 07-57

The Commission takes action today to foster the availability of diverse programming to satellite radio subscribers and to promote access to the satellite radio platform for independent programmers and new entrants, including small businesses, women, and minorities. This Order ensures that Sirius XM will reserve channels for programmers truly independent of Sirius XM, who will be new voices on the satellite radio platform, providing original programming of a type not already available, or service to historically underserved audiences. The Order paves the way for the prompt introduction of these new services, affording smaller, independent programmers a meaningful opportunity to obtain satellite radio distribution.