

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: *Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers and Other Providers of Mobile Data Services, WT Docket No. 05-265.*

Today we take action to increase American consumers' access to mobile voice service, wherever and whenever they choose. We do so by creating a framework for voice roaming that will encourage carriers of all sizes to reach reasonable commercial agreements with each other, while also encouraging these carriers to continue investing in the coverage and capacity of existing voice networks. And we will adjudicate any disputes that may arise between carriers with a tailored, fact-based process that will support continued investment, innovation, and competition in mobile.

Consistent with the recommendation of the National Broadband Plan, our decision today also opens a broad inquiry into the critical issue of data roaming. As I have said before, there are few areas in communications that present greater promise for our country than mobile – in terms of driving our economy and delivering broad opportunity for all Americans – and our goal must be for America to lead the world in mobile. To promote this goal, we must ensure that American consumers have access to competitive broadband data communications services whenever they want and wherever they are, and also ensuring that the United States has the fastest and most extensive mobile networks in the world.

I thank the Bureau and my colleagues for their hard work on this complex and important item.