

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

*Re: Reallocation of Channel 2 from Jackson, Wyoming to Wilmington, Delaware;  
Reallocation of Channel 3 from Ely, Nevada to Middletown Township, New  
Jersey*

Given the history of New Jersey and Delaware citizens being underserved by media outlets time and time again, I closely weighed both the legal arguments and the policy considerations raised by this matter. In the end, after much deliberation, I believe we arrive at the correct decision as a matter of law. But it leaves me less than fully satisfied that underlying policy issues have not, in my opinion, yet received their full due at the Commission. These need to be clarified for the road ahead. And we must always be clear that licensees pay full attention to their communities of license. I hope there will be a sharp focus on this imperative as broadcast license renewals come up. Likewise, the Commission must be ever-mindful of its responsibility to states and local communities so their needs are addressed. My hope is that in the near future we will take meaningful steps to address the concerns of the residents of New Jersey and Delaware, which should be, of course, the concerns of us all. Finally, it is important to recognize the impact the DTV transition has had on the current media environment, and we need to take that into account as we interpret and implement Congressional statutes.