

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

RE: Implementing Public Safety Broadband Provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, PS Docket No. 12-94; Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 06-150; Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band. PS Docket No. 06-229

In the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Congress provided a vision and direction for developing a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. Today's action is another important step in the Commission's ongoing implementation of the recent law.

This order provides a well-defined path for obtaining Special Temporary Authority (STA) where it is warranted and consistent with the statute. The articulated criteria for evaluating STA requests provide applicants with needed guidance and clarity. They also establish the Commission's clear expectations for the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, which will use its authority judiciously and promptly and in accordance with this order.

Given the importance of these requests, if any applicant requests review of a Bureau decision, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that the Commission completes its review within 30 days.

I thank the staff of the Public Safety Bureau for their hard work on this order and my colleagues for their careful consideration.