

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

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

Earlier this year, Congress passed the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, setting forth a framework for a nationwide, interoperable, wireless broadband network for first responders. This legislation created a First Responder Network Authority to build, deploy, and operate the network with a “single, national network architecture,” but Congress gave this agency only a limited role in that process. I support this Order because it is designed to harmonize the early efforts some jurisdictions have made to improve interoperability with the more recent direction from Congress.

I also would like to thank the staff of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for its hard work on this Order and ongoing work on other critically important communications safety issues.