

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *NCE October 2007 Window, MX Group 543, Application of the KBOO Foundation for a New NCE(FM) Station, Chehalis, Washington, Facility ID No. 173822, File No. BNPED-20071019ARU.*

While this Order reaches a suitable conclusion given the byzantine structure concocted to award NCE FM licenses in the last filing window, I agree with Commissioner Pai that the rationale for the Commission to micromanage the composition of nonprofit boards seems tenuous at best. Unfortunately, this is not the only decision regarding NCE FM applications filed in the October 2007 window that has turned on subjective licensing requirements and an unpredictable process used by the Commission to award LPFM licenses. It is my hope that for the next application window, to the extent there is one, the Commission will reconsider its past decisions and adopt a straightforward process, free of extraneous, ambiguous, or subjective criteria that we have seen can lead to years of uncertainty.