STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI

Re: *Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi, Application for a New Booster Station at Guayama, Puerto Rico*, File No. BPEX-20090706AHD, Facility ID No. 181037.

This *Order* resolves a narrow question: Under the particular facts in front of us, does the applicant qualify for a broadcast radio experimental license to build an AM synchronous booster station in Guayama, Puerto Rico? For the reasons set forth by the Commission, I agree that the correct answer is no.

Given its unique factual context, this *Order* should not deter any AM broadcasters who wish to perform legitimate experiments with AM synchronous boosters from coming to the Commission. If broadcasters wish to test whether synchronous transmission systems can help improve signal quality within their coverage area, I believe that the Commission should facilitate such experiments as we search for ways to revitalize the AM band.