

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: *Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Use of Earth Stations in Motion Communicating with Geostationary Orbit Space Stations in Frequency Bands Allocated to the Fixed Satellite Service, IB Docket No. 17-95.*

Today, the Commission initiates a proceeding to harmonize and update rules governing the licensing and operation of earth stations in motion or ESIMs, in the GSO Fixed Satellite Service. ESIMs include Earth Stations on Vessels, which are used to provide telecommunications services, including internet access, to cruise ships, merchant ships, and U.S. navy vessels, among others; Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft, which provide connectivity to commercial and private aircraft; and Vehicle-Mounted Earth Stations, which provide broadband services to land vehicles, and perhaps one day, your connected car.

An overarching objective of this proceeding is to facilitate deployment of ESIMs, and promote innovative and flexible use of satellite technology to the benefit of consumers: a goal, I think, we can all share. I look forward to reviewing the record that develops in this proceeding, and thank the staff of the International Bureau for your hard work on this item.