

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: *Promoting Spectrum Access for Wireless Microphone Operations*, GN Docket No. 14-166; *Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules for Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands, Repurposed 600 MHz Band, 600 MHz Guard Bands and Duplex Gap, and Channel 37, and Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission's Rules for Low Power Auxiliary Stations in the Repurposed 600 MHz Band and 600 MHz Duplex Gap*, ET Docket No. 14-165; *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268.

A newscaster reporting on location during a threatening summer storm, the riveting performance at this year's most talked about play, live updates during must-see prime-time sporting events – these moments are all enhanced by the use of wireless microphones. In recognition of the growing and important role wireless mics play, the Commission has, over the years, taken numerous steps to provide operational flexibility to the industry as well as access to the spectrum necessary for us to be better informed and entertained.

In today's *Order on Reconsideration*, the Commission addresses many of the issues raised in petitions for reconsideration of two 2015 orders. The technical revisions and clarifications made in this *Order* will provide manufacturers much-needed certainty as they continue to bring products to market.

Moreover, in the *Further Notice* the Commission recognizes that certain unlicensed wireless mic users that are not eligible for a Part 74 license, may nonetheless have a need for interference protection at their events. Accordingly, we seek comment on how best to accommodate the needs of these users.

This item reflects the hard work of the staff of the Office of Engineering and Technology and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, as well as many others throughout the Commission. I thank you all for your work on this item and your ongoing efforts in these proceedings.