STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY

Re: Further Streamlining Part 25 Rules Governing Satellite Services, IB Docket No. 18-314.

I support today's notice seeking to streamline the Commission's satellite rules to reduce unnecessary burdens. By proposing the option of a single network license, which would require one unified application for space and earth stations that are used in the same satellite network, we reduce paperwork and costs not only for satellite operators, but also for the Commission. And, for those earth stations that will operate in bands shared by terrestrial users, such as our spectrum frontiers licenses, operators will be able to file a coordination filing instead of a full-fledged application. Further, we also seek comment on common sense proposals, such as harmonizing the earth station buildout requirement to when a space station becomes operational and eliminating worthless annual reporting requirements. I thank the Chairman for continuing regulatory reform efforts along these lines and for reducing burdens on all industry sectors.