

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *Streamlined Reauthorization Procedures for Assigned or Transferred Television Satellite Stations; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket Nos. 18-63 & 17-105, Report and Order

This item rightfully proposes to streamline costly, lengthy applications for reauthorizing broadcast satellite waivers when a satellite station is assigned or transferred. The fact is that satellite stations are generally located in rural or economically troubled areas, and any excessive filings or unnecessary paperwork create a disincentive to invest in these stations. Ultimately, this item will save significant resources for both affected broadcasters and the Commission.

In adopting last year's NPRM, I worked to add questions on streamlining the waiver reauthorization process for satellite stations in the event of changes to their parent stations. Under this item, I am pleased to see this view prevail and that these stations can now benefit from reduced regulatory burdens as well. As I noted at the time of voting on the NPRM, if the original intent of providing a waiver was to help struggling stations, the condition of the satellite station itself and not the parent station should be our primary focus.