

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER NATHAN SIMINGTON**

Re: *In the Matter of Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules*, WP Docket No. 07-100

I am happy to approve today's item. I am particularly encouraged by the fact that the *Eighth Further Notice* explores an exclusive use licensing approach for commercial use of the 4.9 GHz band, which could prove beneficial from an operational and economic perspective. An auction of exclusive use licenses for 5G and other advanced services would harvest the most value for the 4.9 GHz band, as we saw with the C-Band auction. Such an approach also stands the best chance of creating a more robust 5G equipment ecosystem that public safety licensees operating in the band so desperately need.

I am also heartened that we explore an incentive auction approach, which could provide value to public safety licensees who choose to relocate from the band. Seeking comment on these proposals will ensure that we have investigated all possible options for making efficient and economic use of this valuable slice of mid-band spectrum, while also benefitting public safety.

I look forward to a robust record. Many thanks to the staff for their hard work on this item.