STATEMENT OF CHAIRWOMAN JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: Amendment of Part 73 of the Commission's Rules to Update Television and Class A Television Broadcast Station Rules, and Rules Applicable to All Broadcast Stations, MB Docket No. 22-227, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

I remember when my household viewed all video on a single screen. There was just the television. But times have changed. Because now so many of us now watch what we want, whenever we want, on any screen handy.

That's an extraordinary transformation, and to make it happen the broadcast television industry had to undergo two of the most sweeping transitions in communications history. First, the industry switched from old analog operations to new digital-only broadcasting. Second, we held an incentive auction to repurpose airwaves for new uses, requiring the industry to adapt to a new television band built for the modern era.

Now that we have made our way through these big transitions, some of our broadcast television rules need to be revised and some are simply no longer relevant. So today we work to fix that. We are seeking comment in order to remove our outdated rules relating to analog television and update our largely technical rules regarding broadcast television.

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