STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER NATHAN SIMINGTON

Re: Reporting Requirements for Commercial Television Broadcast Station Blackouts, MB Docket No. 23-427, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

I approve this item, though I am skeptical of its tentative conclusion that the Commission has authority to enact the proposed reporting requirements under Section 632(b) of the Act. While there are other valid sources of authority for the reporting requirements this item proposes, Section 632(b) is a considerably narrower provision than recent Commission action suggests.