STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ANNA M. GOMEZ CONCURRING IN PART AND DISSENTING IN PART

Re: Delete, Delete, Direct Final Rule, GN Docket No. 25-133

I want to thank the staff of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for their work on this item. However, as I have expressed before, I am sincerely concerned about the direct final rule (DFR) process the Commission has been using to eliminate rules. Substantive rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to notice and comment, should not be eliminated without the same due process.

Several of the provisions being deleted today are obsolete or expired, so I concur with the order with regard to their deletion. However, I dissent with regard to the deletion of provisions that are neither obsolete nor expired. As I have stated, the Commission should conduct a rulemaking to adopt parameters within which rules are eliminated, as I feared that the procedure would be used to eliminate, without notice and comment, more substantive rules that are neither obsolete nor expired. In this case, for example, the item eliminates an ongoing reporting requirement related to multilingual emergency alerts.¹

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¹ 47 CFR § 11.21(d)-(f)