

**Statement of Commissioner James H. Quello
Cable-Network Cross-Ownership
Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

Generally I am in favor of receiving comments on important matters affecting the broadcast and cable industries, so I can support issuing this Second Further Notice. However, since this Notice comes so soon after receiving input in the Future of Television Inquiry, some have suggested that it represents at least a tentative conclusion to relax or repeal the network-cable cross-ownership rule. My vote should not be so interpreted. While I am willing to consider proposals to change the rule, my guiding principle will be the probable effect of such an action on the maintenance of free over-the-air television. I will issue a concurring statement when the text of the Notice is released.