

CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
FCC COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO

Re: Notice of Inquiry on 9 kHz Channel Spacing for AM Broadcast

I believe that it is necessary to move quickly to build a record to support U.S. policy with regard to channel spacing for the AM broadcasting service. A Notice of Inquiry is probably the single most expeditious means of constructing that record. I would have preferred, however, to have acted with equal speed in establishing the advisory committees advocated by the petitioners.

While there are those who oppose such advisory committees as being unwieldy and cumbersome, I believe that the information they could provide in this instance is worth the trouble. There are a great many technical, as well as policy, issues involved in this important area. Face to face discussions and interchange of ideas among technical experts from both inside and outside government could add considerably to the Commission's body of knowledge and improve our chances of arriving at a practical decision. Since the Notice of Inquiry and formation of advisory committees are not mutually exclusive, I see no reason why we should not move forward on both at this time.