

Separate Statement of
Commissioner James H. Quello

In re: Further Sharing of the UHF Television Band by Private
Land Mobile Radio Services.

I strongly support the Commission's creation of a government-industry advisory committee to help ensure that our sharing proposal does not result in interference to UHF television service. I look forward to carefully reviewing that committee's technical analysis and conclusions as we consider this issue.

I also believe it is important for the Commission to consider the impact of spectrum sharing on opportunities for low power television in these markets. At this time, it appears that permitting spectrum sharing as proposed here would completely preclude low power service in a few major cities. The Commission gave notice in the Low Power Report and Order¹ that it would be concerned about unduly diminishing the spectrum available for low power television, and therefore I believe it is essential that we consider the impact of these sharing proposals on major market low power service so that we can make an informed decision on this issue.

Finally, I want to encourage commenters to consider whether and in what ways the proposed sharing of this spectrum could help ensure that the communications needs of the public safety community will be fully met. The need for careful planning in this area has increased dramatically as the spectrum previously available for land mobile expansion has been utilized. Congress has directed the Commission to consider public safety needs in any allocation decision involving land mobile spectrum,² and early input from affected public safety organizations could be important to assuring that the Commission maximizes the value of this spectrum for these services.

¹ Report and Order, Broadcast Do. No. 78-253, 47 Fed. Reg. 21468, 21479 (1982).

² Federal Communications Commission Authorization Act of 1983, Pub. L. No. 98-214, Sec. 9, 97 Stat. 1467 (1983).