

October 16, 1986

**SEPARATE STATEMENT
BY COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO**

Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.1125 and 73.1130 of the Commission's Rules, the Main Studio and Program Origination Rules for Radio and Television Broadcast Stations.

I am in agreement with the Commission's action today in issuing a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to determine whether our main studio and program origination rules are outdated. It is true that the radio and television marketplace have dramatically changed since the time these rules were adopted and that new technology calls their validity into question. At the same time, however, I wish to emphasize that my support for launching this rule making should in no way be construed as signaling an effort to erode what I believe to be a licensee's obligation to serve the needs and interests of the community to which it is licensed. Indeed, as I consistently emphasized in our must-carry proceeding, a licensee's local obligation is a very substantial government interest and, indeed, as the court of appeals has held, is a statutory obligation of every licensee. See UCC v. FCC, 707 F.2d 1413, 1429 n. 46 (D.C. Cir. 1983).