

**Separate Statement  
of  
Commissioner James H. Quello**

**Re: Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Allow the Selection  
from among Competing Applicants for New AM, FM and Television  
Stations by Random Selection**

Our proposal to extend our lottery procedures to full service broadcast facilities evidences our concern that the Commission's existing comparative procedures appear unable to bring service to the public in a timely and cost effective fashion. While it is true that lotteries have been successful in reducing massive backlogs in the low power service, our experience with cellular demonstrates lotteries may create more problems than solutions.

While I am willing to explore expansions of lottery procedures to full service broadcasting, it may not be the panacea envisioned by its proponents. The Commission's ultimate responsibility is to select the best applicant. In our attempt to expedite the process we must not lose sight of this statutory obligation. If lottery procedures are ultimately employed, then the Commission must make sure that all lottery applicants have the highest financial, technical and character qualifications.

On balance, the lottery proposal deserves to be open to public discussion. It must be remembered, however, that Congress has imposed a heavy burden on the Commission to justify extension of lottery procedures to full service facilities. I intend to examine the issues in this proceeding closely so as to ensure that the Commission remains faithful to its statutory obligations.