

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO**

**RE: BROADBAND PCS AUCTION PROCEDURES
PP DOCKET NO. 93-253**

Today the Commission puts in place the procedures that will govern perhaps our most eagerly-awaited new spectrum auctions: the auctions for broadband PCS frequencies.

This Report and Order embodies our best collective effort to meet our Congressionally-imposed objectives in a responsible and fair way consistent with the record before us. In this process we have been particularly sensitive to the need to provide increased opportunity to small businesses, minorities, women, and rural telephone companies commensurate with the varying degrees of difficulty each faces in attracting capital. In the building of broadband PCS systems there is not only room for, but *need* for, players large and small, with different outlooks, different strategies, and different strengths. Our action today attempts to make that room and to meet that need.

Is every piece and part of this Report and Order perfect? No - but then, nothing is. Might each of us have drawn somewhat different lines had each been the sole author? Of course. But, not unlike the benefits we envision flowing from the policy of entrepreneurial inclusion in licensing PCS, I believe this Report and Order is sounder for having drawn from my colleagues' distinctive strengths and outlooks. And if the decisions we make today require further refinement, I am completely open to the presentation of facts and arguments in favor of any such changes. In the meantime, I support this Report and Order as the penultimate administrative precursor to moving broadband PCS from the drawing board to the launch pad.

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