SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

Re: Interference Immunity Performance Specifications for Radio Receivers; ET Docket No. 03-65; Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television; MM Docket No. 00-39

I believe that our proceeding on receiver performance standards will turn out to be one of the most significant spectrum management proceedings that the Commission initiates in the near future. The members of the Spectrum Policy Task Force should be commended for highlighting this issue in their recent report.

I have said in the past that, when it comes to spectrum management, we need to do "more with less." Spectrum is a finite resource, and our goal as policymakers is to make the spectrum stretch farther and farther so that it can accommodate more and more users as well as the newest service offerings. Innovation swirls all around us, and as regulators we need to make sure that we always consider the latest technologies in developing policy, especially in considering spectrum policy. When an engineering opportunity comes to light, such as receiver performance standards, it is our obligation to fully investigate its possibilities.

I fully support this inquiry into receiver performance standards because it takes an important first step towards improving our country's access to spectrum. This in turn should provide for improved radio communications services to the public. When it comes to spectrum, doing more with less is essential because the wireless industry thrives on innovation and engineering. These characteristics regularly lead to advances in capacity and service offerings demonstrating that you sometimes truly can do more with less.