

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

RE: Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Provide Spectrum for the Operation of Medical Body Area Networks, ET Docket No. 08-59, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,

I am delighted to vote to approve this notice of proposed rulemaking, the request for which was originally filed with the Commission in 2007. I thank Acting Chairman Copps for bringing this cutting edge proposal forward and giving it the attention it deserves. Our action today takes another step to improve the safety, efficiency and quality of care provided to millions of American hospital patients. I look forward to engaging with all interested parties to ensure that we complete our work in this proceeding as quickly as possible. Our fellow Americans living with chronic health conditions deserve no less.