

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY STARKS**

**Re:** *Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Enable NGSO Fixed-Satellite Service (Space-to-Earth) Operations in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Band, IB Docket No. 22-273, Report and Order (September 26, 2024)*

As I've said before, we are in a golden era of commercial space. New satellite broadband systems are providing more choice and better performance for many Americans, including those who live, work, and travel in some the toughest-to-serve places. In order to sustain competition and innovation in satellite broadband, we need to provide the spectrum that this rapidly advancing industry needs to thrive. Today's Report and Order does just that. By making available a contiguous 1300 megahertz of spectrum for non-geostationary satellite orbit operations, we're supporting advances that will boost connectivity and spectral efficiency. I thank the Commission staff for their work on this item and approve.