

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY STARKS

Re: *Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band, Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 4.7 and 24 GHz*, ET Docket No. 18-295, and GN Docket No. 17-183, Third Report and Order

Today's order isn't just an important step forward in its own right, it's a continuation of the Commission's steadfast commitment to ensuring the 6 GHz band reaches its full potential. This has been a long time coming. As I said when we adopted our 2020 order, the 6 GHz band holds the unique potential to serve as "a lynchpin for a more innovative, and more inclusive, wireless future." By extending very low power (VLP) device operations to the U-NII- 6 and 8 bands, we're providing the spectrum the IoT ecosystem needs to thrive and safeguarding the United States' position as the leader in unlicensed communications.

I want to thank to OET staff for their diligent work on this item. It's a culmination of years of progress buttressing Wi-Fi innovation in the 6 GHz band.