

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

*Re: Modification of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission's Rules*

In this Order we adopt revisions to the rules governing the Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), formerly known as the Local and State Government Advisory Committee. The Committee has served as a significant source of information and guidance to the Commission on a range of telecommunications issues affecting state, local and tribal interests. The revisions we adopt today are designed to improve the Committee's structure and operations and facilitate the important role it plays in aiding the Commission in making its decisions.

I am encouraged that we will specifically solicit a diversity of representation and pay particular attention to those areas that are underrepresented. One of the most important aspects of this Order is that it recognizes that the Committee will benefit from greater rural representation. This will provide a stronger voice for rural America. In a similar vein, I am pleased to note that we will also increase tribal representation.

The IAC should play a vital role as we tackle the issues that are important to all Americans, both rural and urban. I support this item and look forward to working closely with the newly-constituted IAC.