SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

Re: Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Realign the 76-81 GHz and the Frequency Range Above 95 GHz Consistent with International Allocation Changes; ET Docket No. 03-102

I support our decision to realign the allocations in the 76-81 GHz and above 95 GHz bands to generally conform with international allocations established at WRC-2000. I am hopeful that these changes will provide enhanced opportunities for future earth exploration satellite and radio astronomy services.

I write separately to also express my strong support for the vehicular radio services that currently use the 76-77 GHz band and those that currently use the 24 GHz band and may migrate to 77-81 GHz segment. I think that these services, such as adaptive cruise control and short range automotive radars, are exciting and productive new technologies, and we should continue to encourage their ongoing development and deployment.

I am pleased that we conclude in this item that sharing conflicts are highly unlikely in the bands between future operations of the scientific satellite services and the vehicular radar community, and that we do not impose any operational limitations on vehicular radar systems. I want to encourage the continued growth of these vehicular services because of their many consumer and safety benefits.