

## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY**

*Re: Presentation on 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference*

It was a great honor for me to serve on the United States Delegation to WRC 2003 under the able leadership of Ambassador Obuchowski. The entire United States Delegation, including our FCC representatives, should be commended for their diligent work during the Conference.

The task of the Conference was tremendous as it faced addressing over 40 Agenda Items. All the issues were successfully resolved during the course of the Conference. In particular, the Conference reached consensus decisions on a number of important issues to U.S. consumers and industry including, but not limited to:

- A set of global allocations of 455 MHz for wireless local area network (WLAN) systems in the 5 GHz spectrum band;
- A conditional, secondary allocation for Little LEO satellite feeder links around 1.4 GHz; and.
- A secondary allocation for aeronautical mobile satellite services in the 14-14.5 GHz band to provide for the provision of internet and other data services on airplanes.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone who served on the U.S. Delegation, including my colleague Commissioner Copps, and the U.S. Home Team, from the United States perspective, it was a very successful Conference.