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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## ***Commission Announces the Adoption of AWS-4 Order and H Block NPRM***

### ***Statement from Tammy Sun, FCC Director of Communications***

Today the Commission took two actions significantly advancing the President's goal of freeing up 500 MHz of spectrum for broadband by 2020.

These actions will help meet skyrocketing consumer demand and promote private investment, innovation, and competition, while unlocking billions of dollars of value.

The Commission unanimously approved freeing up 40 MHz of underutilized satellite spectrum for land-based mobile broadband, including 4G LTE. We accomplished this by removing regulatory barriers that limited this spectrum to satellite use. Carefully balanced technical requirements will unlock tremendous value in both the AWS-4 band and the 10 MHz H Block, which Congress directed us to auction.

The Commission also unanimously approved a proposal setting the stage for an auction of the H Block in 2013. Proceeds from this auction will help fund a nationwide Public Safety Network for our first responders and reduce the deficit.

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