

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Enable Railroad Police Officers to Access Public Safety Interoperability and Mutual Aid Channels*, PS Docket No. 15-199, RM-11721, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Fast, efficient, and effective communications between law enforcement agencies and emergency response personnel is a critical part of ensuring public safety. With this rulemaking the Commission takes steps to improve these communications by seeking comment on the use of public safety spectrum channels by railroad police. This is critical because railroad authorities are responsible for protecting the public both at train stations and along railways throughout the country. Moreover, as first responders they require common communications to respond effectively to fires, derailments, and other emergencies.

I look forward to the record that develops in this proceeding. I also want to thank the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council for submitting a petition on this matter and the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Senator Charles Schumer for supporting the call for strengthened public safety communications for our nation's railroads.