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Statement of Commissioner Adelstein

“...It is a goal of Congress, this Commission, and me personally to promote video competition and broadband deployment...”

“...Nothing we have seen in recent years offers more hope for consumers to gain new choices than the serious entry of our largest telephone companies into the video marketplace.”

Who is Alcatel

- Worldwide leader in broadband deployment with DSL, fiber, and wireless platforms.
- Global partnership with Microsoft in deploying IPTV.
- More than 30 IPTV projects globally, including U.S.
- Partnership with AT&T Project Lightspeed to deliver IPTV services to more than 18 million homes by year end 2008.
- Recently named vendor for Verizon's GPON upgrade to the FTTH deployment.

Alcatel Advocacy in §621

- Finalize Order by the end of 2006.
- Recognize strong link between video services and broadband deployment.
- Streamline entry for competitive providers:
 1. Establish a **strict time line** for application review,
 2. Eliminate adverse **level playing field** laws, and
 3. exempt competitive entrants from **burdensome build out** requirements.

Benefits of Streamlined Entry

- Three factors to video competition: (1) technology, (2) business, and (3) regulation. The regulatory environment remains uncertain and a disincentive.
- Regulatory certainty and streamlined entry will:
 1. Provide much needed **price competition** to incumbent cable & satellite services,
 2. Increase **consumer choice** for video services and content,
 3. Strengthen the business case for next generation **broadband deployment**, and
 4. Create a **healthy investment cycle** in triple play over multiple, competing broadband and video platforms.

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