

**Statement of
Commissioner Rachelle Chong**

**Item 61---Resolution Adopting Interim Rules Governing
Electronic Filing of Documents during Trial Period -
February 16, 2006**

When I joined the FCC in 1994, the FCC has just gotten touch tone phones replacing rotary dial phones, and personal computers for every desk. It was considered revolutionary at the time, but it was fitting that the telecom agency of the world leader in communications be outfitted with up-to-date equipment.

I am pleased to see this Commission moving towards an electronic filing platform. As the home of Silicon Valley, California should have a PUC that uses advanced technology to our advantage.

At the FCC, we had a very robust e-filing system which enabled many people and groups across the nation to participate in our proceedings regardless of distance.

Greater access and increased participation in the many important issues we debate is but one of many positive things that come from broadband access.

Thank you to you, Angie, but also the many on your staff who operate behind the scenes to see this initiative through.