

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL J. COPPS, APPROVING**

Re: *Exclusive Service Contracts for Provision of Video Services in Multiple Dwelling Units and Other Real Estate Developments*

I am a strong believer in the need to encourage competition and diversity in every sector of the communications marketplace. There is no reason why Americans who happen to live in multiple dwelling units (MDUs) should have a narrower range of choices when it comes to video and broadband service than Americans who live in free-standing buildings. Consumers should expect competition wherever they live. So I hope we can move forward expeditiously to ensure that ***all*** consumers benefit from the lower prices and improved services that competition is capable of producing. I am pleased that we re-open the record today on the economic and competitive effects of exclusive service contracts between MDUs and video service providers and I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Bureau to resolve this matter.