

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

*Re: Exclusive Service Contracts for Provision of Video Services in Multiple Dwelling Units and Other Real Estate Developments (MB Docket No. 07-51)*

Congress has charged the Commission with advancing the increasingly interrelated goals of increasing competition in the multichannel video programming market and accelerating the deployment of broadband services. With this item, we start the process of developing a record concerning whether the use of exclusive contracts for the provision of video services to multiple dwelling units (“MDU”) unfairly impedes competitive entry and deprives residents of those MDUs of the benefits of that competition, including bundled video, voice, and data packages. I am pleased that we are addressing this important issue in a platform-neutral manner, and I look forward to reviewing the record as it develops.