

**STATEMENT OF
FCC COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: Notice of Inquiry in the Effects on Broadband Communications Networks of Damage to or Failure of Network Equipment or Severe Overload, Docket No. 92

As the National Broadband Plan makes abundantly clear, given the pace at which Americans are increasing their reliance on broadband services, we should expect broadband networks to soon become the primary medium through which we communicate. With that understanding, one of the federal government's highest priorities must be to employ all measures necessary to protect each aspect of our broadband networks from every form of potential failure. I was particularly pleased to see that the Notice of Inquiry seeks comment on the survivability features of the entire architecture of broadband networks in *all* communities, including those that are lesser developed and sparsely populated. I thank the Chairman and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for initiating this inquiry and look forward to reviewing the recommendations on how we can ensure the reliability of our broadband networks.