
**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MEREDITH ATTWELL BAKER**

Re: Effects on Broadband Communications Networks of Damage to or Failure of Network Equipment of Severe Overload, Notice of Inquiry, Docket No. 10-92

This proceeding is a natural outgrowth of the work of the Broadband Team to assess and collect data on threats and potential gaps affecting our broadband infrastructure. As we now turn to consideration of the Plan's recommendations, we should be careful not to fix ourselves every challenge that relates in some form to broadband. Indeed, I am pleased that we have not prejudged any affirmative regulatory role for the Commission in addressing network survivability. It is in the clear commercial interest of all network operators to ensure their operations are reliable and resilient. It is appropriate for the Commission to evaluate the current conditions of networks, their vulnerabilities, and the potential for the Commission to facilitate best practices or otherwise contribute to the resiliency of our broadband networks. I think this proceeding is another area in which we should work in close conjunction with the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC).