

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: In the Matter of Electronic Tariff Filing System, WC Docket No. 10-141

When I became Chairman in 2009, I said that this Commission would “use technology and new media to . . . improve [the] overall operations of the FCC – running efficiently [and] communicating effectively.” Moving government processes from paper to digital, and from offline to online, is central to this commitment, and is important for several reasons. It drives additional broadband use; it empowers app developers and consumers to use public data in innovative ways; and it drives process efficiencies and reduces costs both for the private sector and for government.

Over the last two years, thanks to the excellent leadership of our Managing Director, Steve Van Roekel; our Bureau Chiefs; and our Data Innovation Initiative team, we’ve made substantial progress on this agenda. We’ve shifted toward electronic notification of docket filings and fees, moved filings on privacy policies and international telephone traffic from paper to digital, and made all information associated with docketed proceedings available electronically.

Today, we take another step to modernize the Commission’s processes by enabling all carriers to file tariffs in digital form, over the Internet, rather than sending in copies on paper or CDs, as some carriers have been required to do for many years.

This reform will have several benefits. It will make it easier for carriers to comply with their obligations, it will allow state and federal officials, the public, and the media easier and more transparent access to tariff filings, and it will help the Commission conduct industry analysis more efficiently and effectively. It will also save a lot of trees.

Going forward, we will continue to scour the Commission for opportunities to move processes from paper to digital, and act as quickly as we can to get the job done. I look forward to hearing additional ideas about how to continue integrating digital technology into the way we work here at the FCC from our Bureaus and Offices in the coming months. And I thank the staff of the Wireline Competition Bureau for their work on this item.