**STATEMENT OF ACTING CHAIRWOMAN MIGNON CLYBURN**

**MAY 24, 2013**

*Re: Release of the Critical Information Needs Research Design by the FCC’s Office of Communications Business Opportunities*

The FCC has a duty to make sure that the industries it regulates serve the needs of the American public no matter where they live or what financial resources they have.  The research design we announce today is an important next step in understanding what those needs are, how Americans obtain the information critical to their daily lives in a dynamic technological environment, and what barriers exist in our media ecologies to providing and accessing this information*.*