

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500 Internet: http://www.fcc.gov TTY: 1-888-835-5322

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC. 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 29, 2013

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Justin Cole, 202-418-8191 Email: justin.cole@fcc.gov

STATEMENT OF FCC ACTING CHAIRWOMAN MIGNON L. CLYBURN ON PROPOSED REFORM OF INTERSTATE INMATE CALLING REGIME

After ten long years, I'm proud to share with my colleagues a proposal to reform the exorbitant interstate inmate calling regime. For too long, the high cost of long-distance calls from prisoners to their loved ones across state lines has chronically impacted parents and children, especially among low-income families. Multiple studies have shown that meaningful contact beyond prison walls can make a real difference in maintaining community ties, promoting rehabilitation, and reducing recidivism. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the costs of interstate inmate calling service phone calls are reasonable.

-FCC-