

**STATEMENT OF
ACTING CHAIRWOMAN MIGNON CLYBURN**

Re: Incentive Auction Task Force Update (August 9, 2013)

When I began my tenure as Chairwoman, I directed the Incentive Auction Task Force to build on our existing momentum, continue to engage with the public, and work aggressively to develop broad policy and technological recommendations for implementing the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction.

Based on my close work with the Task Force over the past two and a half months, and as further demonstrated by today's presentation, I believe they are doing just that. Conducting a transparent process was one of my key directives for incentive auction planning. The Task Force has sought extensive input from interested parties and the public. For the repacking data release alone, the Task Force issued a lengthy public notice with accompanying appendices, posted a blog explaining the information being provided to the public, and, as we have heard today, will be hosting a webinar to dive deeper into the technical details.

I have also directed the Task Force to continue to conduct workshops, which will provide further opportunities to continue and expand the public discussion that has proven so vital to this process. I look forward to the next workshop in September.

In October of last year, the Commission set the ambitious schedule of releasing a Report & Order by the end of this year and conducting the auction in 2014. The Commissioners and staff have participated in over 180 Incentive Auction-related events and meetings since the enactment of the Spectrum Act. Given the work that has been done to date, I am confident that the staff is laying the groundwork necessary to achieve that goal. The staff's role, however, is to provide the Chair with well-developed options that have benefited from extensive public input and vetting. Ultimately, it is my colleagues and I who have to make the decisions that will lead to a successful auction and serve the public interest.

I would like to thank Gary, Julie, Matthew, Rebecca, Sasha, and all of the members of the Task Force, for their thorough and extremely informative presentation. Although it is August in Washington, we must all continue to keep our eye on the ball, and as Gary said in his last update, get it done, and get it done right.