

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: *Section 43.62 Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Services*, IB Docket No. 17-55; *2016 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations*, IB Docket No. 16-131, *Report and Order*.

With this Report and Order, the Commission takes another critical step in ensuring that our reporting requirements better reflect the current state of the international telecommunications market. The increasing demand for wired and wireless services includes both international and domestic communications and the American consumer expects the same degree of diversity when it comes to communications options when they contact family, friends, and colleagues in Africa or Asia, as they have here at home.

This demand for choice when it comes to platforms, networks and service providers, creates incredible challenges for communications companies, large and small. To effectively compete, they must manage costs and invest in infrastructure to meet increased demands on their networks as they realign their business models in order to bring more innovation to the market.

The Commission plays a key role in this by fostering innovation and removing unnecessary regulation and filing requirements when it's warranted. By eliminating the traffic and revenue report and streamlining the circuit capacity reporting requirement, this Order enables companies to spend less time and money dealing with obsolete or overly burdensome requirements and devote more resources towards bringing higher quality international communications services to consumers.

I commend Tom Sullivan for his leadership and the International Bureau staff for their hard work throughout these Part 43 reform proceedings. I support the item.