

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: Modification of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission's Rules

The Local State and Government Advisory Committee has offered guidance to the Commission on more than thirty key areas of the Commission's jurisdiction that impact the interests of other governmental entities. They consistently have provided valuable insights and information. Our deliberations are richer as a result of their efforts.

In today's decision we adopt revisions to the rules governing this advisory group. I believe that by formalizing its structure we will improve its operations. I especially am pleased that in this group's new incarnation as the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee we increase tribal representation. With this blend of insights from municipal, county, local, state and tribal representatives, I believe that we have the ingredients to develop creative solutions to promote the interests of citizens, governments and industry alike. The input of this advisory committee is critical to our deliberation, and I often wish that we could increase the representation of the various groups comprising it.

I look forward to working with the membership of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and building on what I hope will continue to be a dynamic and mutually beneficial relationship.