

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL**

Re: Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies

I am proud to support this item, which revises and re-implements annual employment reports from broadcasters and MVPDs. This data will allow the Commission to accurately identify and report industry trends and have been collected by the Commission for years. In addition, I support asking questions about recent changes in administrative law and its impact on how we collect and disseminate this data.

Finally, I would note that the Commission seeks comment on whether our approach to these forms should be altered given the efforts of the Diversity Committee for Communications in the Digital Age. I note only that several members of the Diversity Committee have asked that the Commission not invoke its name as a reason for changing some of our policies, especially prior to the completion of their vitally important work. As we move to an Order on the open questions in this proceeding, I will keep this request in mind.