

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

*Re: In the Matter of Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board (CC Docket No. 80-286)*

This is my first opportunity to work with both my former state colleagues and my Commission colleagues in my role as Joint Board Chairman. I thank the members of the Joint Board for seizing this opportunity for joint collaboration on this important issue. As is often the case, compromise made this possible, and I appreciate the willingness of all to meet in the middle in order to move forward.

Input from the state members of the Joint Board is important because they provide unique, on-the-ground experiences that can further enhance our decision making. Equally important is providing stability and predictability for carriers. I look forward to working with all members of the Joint Board as we refresh the record in this proceeding. In actuality, as technology has changed so dramatically, we can now make even better decisions with updated information in this digital age.