

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS
APPROVING IN PART, CONCURRING IN PART**

Re: Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in MD Docket 07-81

I concur in today's item to emphasize my long-held and oft-repeated belief that the Commission should consider opening a formal rulemaking to address the adjustment of regulatory fees pursuant to section 9(b)(3) of the Act. In a rapidly-evolving communications marketplace, we need to look for ways to ensure that our regulatory fee methodologies continue to reflect the industries we regulate. In the absence of a separate rulemaking, I would have preferred to address the submarine cable issue in the *Further Notice* adopted herein. I hope that we act on the pending petition for rulemaking quickly.