

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

Re: Petition to Establish Procedural Requirements to Govern Proceedings for Forbearance Under Section 10 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 07-267, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

An integral part of the pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework established by Congress in the 1996 Act is the section 10 forbearance provision. Today we seek comment in general on the need for procedural rules to govern the Commission's consideration of petitions for forbearance. I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners on this proceeding and hearing from all interested stakeholders.