

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

Re: Annual Report and Analysis of Competitive Market Conditions with Respect to Domestic and International Satellite Communications Services, IB Docket No. 06-67

I am pleased to support the Commission's first annual report on the status of competition in the market for domestic and international satellite communications services. The report, based on conditions prevailing in the satellite services marketplace from the beginning of the 2000 calendar year through 2006, shows a healthy and competitive commercial communications satellite market.

On a more important note, I would like to commend the satellite industry for the role it has played regarding public safety and encourage satellite carriers to continue to work with federal and state entities on these critical matters. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma taught us the critical importance of satellite communications for emergency first responders. I encourage the satellite industry to continue to innovate and create the next great new product. In particular, I hope the industry continues to play a role in the deployment of broadband to more consumers.