

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN**

Re: Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008, MD Docket No. 08-65

Today we conclude our proceeding to collect regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 2008 and initiate a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to undertake our first comprehensive review of the regulatory fee methodology in a decade.

Over the last decade, the communications landscape has changed dramatically. We have seen tremendous growth in certain sectors, including cable, wireless, and satellite services, and the development of new technologies and ways of communicating. During this same period, other sectors, such as the wireline industry, have opened to competition, and benefited from deregulation.

Although the Commission has reorganized itself to keep pace with these technological and marketplace changes, our regulatory fee structure has remained static. We have not made any significant changes to the regulatory fee methodology in a decade. During that time, certain communications industries have been burdened with a greater share of the Commission's regulatory fees while others have seen their share decrease. I question whether these relative burdens remain reasonable and equitable in light of the significant market changes since then.

I believe it is important to examine the Commission's regulatory fee structure in a comprehensive manner. Payment of the Commission's regulatory fee structure is a "zero sum game." Changes to the fees paid by one sector will impact the fees paid by others. Through the Further Notice, we will explore ways to ensure that all services pay their fair share of the costs of the Commission's enforcement activities, policy and rulemaking activities, user information services, and international activities.