

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *Annual Report and Analysis of Competitive Market Conditions with Respect to Domestic and International Satellite Communications Services*, IB Docket No. 07-252, Second Report

I respectfully concur in today's report for the same reasons I concurred in last year's. As I explained in greater detail at that time, I believe our conclusion of "effective competition" in the FSS market would be stronger if we were to define ahead of time what that term means and then looked at the data from 2007 to see if the market meets that definition. While I recognize that a primarily wholesale market such as FSS raises unique competitive issues, industry and the public can still benefit from a clear definition of what the statutory term "effective competition" means for such a market. I also believe that the Report's discussion of international competition could be more detailed and in keeping with what I believe the statute envisions.