

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

*Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c), WC Docket No. 07-204; Petition of Verizon for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-273*

I support the conditional grant of Qwest's request for relief from the requirement to file ARMIS financial reports set forth in this order, and the extension of such relief to similarly situated carriers. These reports, which are filed by only a small group of carriers and largely summarize data drawn from accounting obligations for which relief has previously been granted, no longer advance the consumer protection goals for which they were originally adopted. Our action today maintains effective consumer safeguards while also cleaning out unnecessary regulatory underbrush. Accordingly, I find that granting relief meets the statutory obligations of Section 10 and, therefore, is in the public interest.