

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE**

Re: In the Matter of Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules; Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999; Local Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues and Retransmission Consent Issues; WHDT-DT, Channel 59, Stuart, Florida, Application for Review, CSR-5978-M, Second Report and Order, and Memorandum and Opinion and Order

Today's order is a good example of utilizing common sense in order to reach a positive consumer result through a practical industry-driven solution. Through this laudable collaboration by the affected parties, the Commission was presented with a reasonable proposal that aims to fulfill one of our top priorities: increased distribution of local news. The aggressive schedule the parties developed will ensure that by 2013 every citizen that resides in a market where broadcasters are providing high-definition signals will have access to those signals. I applaud the parties for their efforts, and thank the Media Bureau for their work on this item.