

**STATEMENT OF
ACTING CHAIRMAN MICHAEL J. COPPS**

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

I am pleased that the Commission is finally taking action to adopt a new methodology for assessing regulatory fees applicable to submarine cable systems, one that better reflects today's marketplace. Such a revision is well past due. I have long emphasized the importance and desirability of bringing our regulatory fee systems into the modern era.

Great thanks are owed to the many affected stakeholders who joined together, and worked assiduously, to develop an equitable consensus proposal that has assisted the Commission in its work.