

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

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

I enthusiastically approve this item which addresses the concerns raised by international submarine cable operators. They have long argued, with good cause, that the current regulatory fee structure does not allocate costs among service providers in an equitable and neutral manner. I have encouraged the Commission to continue to improve its regulatory fee assessment processes so that in the future we are more able to make adjustments as appropriate. I am happy that today we make long overdue adjustments needed to international bearer circuit fees for submarine cable operators. I also commend the operators who worked diligently over the past several months to put forth a consensus proposal which forms the basis of the new methodology we adopt here.