

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

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

I am pleased to support this order, which the Commission had pledged to complete last fall. In that regard, I thank Acting Chairman Copps for bringing this forward promptly. I also thank the coalition of service providers who worked diligently to develop a thoughtful, equitable proposal. Your efforts have greatly assisted us in crafting a sensible decision that properly reflects and accounts for the incredible expansion of capacity on international submarine cables.