

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: Electronic Tariff Filing Systems, WC Docket No. 10-141

Modern digital technology enables us to improve and streamline how government operates - for example, by cutting red tape and delay associated with paper filings at the Commission. The Data Innovation Initiative we have launched will modernize and streamline the way the FCC collects, uses, and disseminates data. This is part of a comprehensive reform effort that is improving the agency's openness, transparency, and data-driven decision-making. Moving towards electronic filing whenever possible is an important part of the FCC's Data Innovation Initiative—aimed at reducing costs and creating a more consistent and efficient flow of information to the public.

Together, all of these ongoing actions – expanding the Electronic Comment Filing System, reducing paper-based licenses, requiring electronic filing of forms and authorization requests – will result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings by reducing printing and postage costs for us and industry, saving staff time, and improving efficiencies in our processes. This NPRM moves us in the right direction by proposing rules that will end the filing of certain tariffs in paper form and instead ensure that all carriers to file tariffs electronically. It will save money, save trees, and make it easier for industry and the general public to access the information in these filings. This is government the way it should be—open and transparent.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on completing this transition to electronic filing quickly, and I thank the staff for their hard work on today's NPRM.