

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MEREDITH ATTWELL BAKER**

- Re: *Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, WC Docket No. 11-10; *Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscribership Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscribership*; WC Docket No. 07-38; *Service Quality, Customer Satisfaction, Infrastructure and Operating Data Gathering*, WC Docket No. 08-190; *Review of Wireline Competition Bureau Data Practices*, WC Docket No. 10-132.
- Re: *Review Of Wireline Competition Bureau Data Practices*, WC Docket No. 10-132; *Computer III Further Remand Proceedings: Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements*, CC Docket Nos. 95-20, 98-10.

I support the process to right-size our data collections and appreciate the comprehensive approach we are taking. I also support the specific decision to review the narrowband *Computer III* CEI and ONA requirements. This is an overdue and welcome step forward. I hope we use the same standard – whether the Commission relies on a submission in the course of its normal decision-making – to make more proposals to eliminate or scale back other outdated data submissions.

The Commission also proposes to potentially expand its data requirements associated with our broadband deployment reporting. I welcome all efforts to ensure that we have reliable and accurate data to inform our decision-making. In a number of places, the *Notice* proposes increases—potentially significant ones—in the type and scope of data gathering required. In the spirit of the broader data initiative, I believe the Commission should act judiciously and answer a few threshold questions before expanding any of our data collection obligations: What is the nexus between the data to be requested and our statutory responsibilities? Is this new data integral to fulfilling a statutory responsibility? Is the data gathering the best and least burdensome means to acquire the data?

I appreciate that many of these questions are explicitly raised in the *Notice*, and welcome the Chairman’s recognition of the heavy burden well-intentioned data requests may have on industry. I will be watching this proceeding closely with particular attention on proposals surrounding broadband pricing and customer satisfaction metrics. Thank you.