

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: *Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Clarify 47 U.S.C. § 572 in the Context of Transactions Between Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Cable Operators; Conditional Petition for Forbearance from Section 652 of the Communications Act for Transactions Between Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Cable Operators, WC Docket No. 11-118*

Today's Order reflects our commitments to streamline processes and promote competition. By bringing the review of cable-CLEC transactions in line with that of other similar transactions, while maintaining our own review and an important role for local authorities, we ensure that transactions that promote competition and expand broadband service deliver benefits to consumers more quickly. I thank my colleagues and the staff of the Wireline Competition Bureau for their excellent work on this Order.