

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: *Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services,
IB Docket No. 12-267*

I am pleased that the Commission is taking a comprehensive approach in updating its satellite service Rules, to better keep pace with the technological developments in the industry. Contained, in the NPRM, are a number of proposals that should improve the Commission's ability to assess the interference potential of proposed operations. Overhauling the requirements for annual reporting, licensing, and filing, should lead to substantial reductions in the administrative costs that satellite service licensees must bear to offer services. This, in turn, should lead to greater investment in satellite services and enhanced benefits for consumers.

I understand that satellite service providers, and other outside parties, provided valuable insight to the International Bureau staff on the scope of the revisions that are listed in this comprehensive NPRM. Your continued engagement will be necessary to ensure that the rule changes we ultimately approve are as helpful as possible. I thank Mindel De La Torre and Rod Porter, for their leadership on these issues. I also want to thank Gardner Foster, Bob Nelson, and Kathryn Medley, for taking the time to brief me on the item and for their excellent presentation.