**STATEMENT OF**

**COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

Re: *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375

I am pleased to support this interstate prison phone rulemaking which will refresh the record and allow the Commission to evaluate these issues with updated data. I commend Commissioner Clyburn for her diligence on these issues, and I look forward to working with all of my colleagues and the full range of stakeholders. As the record develops, I will focus, in particular, on the Commission’s legal authority.