

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122; A National Broadband Plan For Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

One of the most consistent calls I have heard from many is for this Commission to complete its reform of the Universal Service Fund by addressing the contributions side of the equation. I agree. While the FCC has attempted to keep up with technological changes and has added new services to the contributions list, there is more work to be done to ensure that the system is both equitable and predictable. This is especially important because as we all know it is consumers who ultimately pay for the Fund.

I support the objectives we seek comment on today—namely to improve this system’s administrative efficiency, fairness, and sustainability. Whatever path we ultimately take on reforming contributions, it should reflect our goals for the Fund—to promote the availability and adoption of affordable broadband and voice services for all Americans. I want to thank the staff for putting together a thorough Further Notice, the Chairman for his leadership on this matter, and for Commissioner McDowell who has worked diligently to ensure that we take this matter up for Commission action. I look forward to working with all interested parties to complete this proceeding in a timely fashion.