

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

*Re: In the Matter of Procedures for Assessment and Collection of
Regulatory Fees, MD Docket No. 12-201, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*

I am pleased that the Commission is seeking additional comments on ways to modify our regulatory fee structure – a reform which is long overdue. As I have said many times in the past, the Commission should update its fee structure to ensure that they are levied not only in a fiscally prudent manner, but in a nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral way as well.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and all stakeholders as we assess ways to reform our out-dated methodology. Also, I will pay special attention to ensuring that the Commission has solid legal authority for any ultimate reform measures that it approves. I thank the Chairman for his continued work on this matter as well as our terrific staff in the managing director's office and bureaus.