

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONERS MIGNON L. CLYBURN AND MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; Petitions for Waiver of Section 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules.*

We support the item because it contains necessary safeguards to ensure a court or regulatory agency of competent jurisdiction has made a finding of liability before a carrier receives any additional Connect America Fund support. Doing so is consistent with the goals of intercarrier compensation reform to provide a path away from the legacy subsidies as well as an important safeguard for consumers who contribute to the universal service fund. We appreciate the willingness of the Chairman to ensure that these safeguards are in place before granting a waiver.