STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN

Re: Amendment of Parts 74, 76 and 78 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maintenance of Copies of FCC Rules, MB Docket No. 17-231; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative, MB Docket No. 17-105.

Earlier this year, when the Commission's majority launched what they call a "Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative," I dissented but indicated that I had no objection to undertaking a review of the Commission's rules, as long as it does not come at the expense of the American consumer. If a rule or a regulation has outlived its usefulness or is now unnecessary, I will be among the first in line endorsing its elimination, that is if the public interest standard is not compromised.

Today's NPRM, which proposes to remove the requirement that certain broadcasters and cable operators maintain paper copies of Commission rules, is such an example. While I remain admittedly skeptical that the overarching modernization initiative will leave consumers better off, I am in support of this amendment.

Thanks to the Media Bureau staff for your thorough review of the record and for preparing a proposal that could garner the support of all Commissioners.