

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

Re: Notice of Inquiry in the Effects on Broadband Communications Networks of Damage to or Failure of Network Equipment or Severe Overload, Docket No. 92

Our work to enhance our understanding of the state of survivability in broadband communications networks and to explore potential measures to reduce vulnerability to failures in network equipment or server overload conditions, such as during a natural disaster, pandemic or terror attack, will be beneficial. The timing is excellent given that hurricane season is a mere six weeks away. I thank industry in advance for your assistance in this important endeavor.

I look forward to engaging with interested parties and to gaining a better understanding about the status of our nation's broadband networks. I also want to explore further what the Commission's role can and should be with fostering further developments.

Thank you to Jamie Barnett and your entire team. This is a critically important area and I appreciate the work you are doing.