STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KEVIN J. MARTIN, APPROVING IN PART, CONCURRING IN PART

Re: Federal State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues, WC Docket 02-269; 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, CC Docket No. 00-199; Jurisdictional Separations Reform and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board, CC Docket No. 80-286; and Local Competition and Broadband Reporting, CC Docket No. 99-301

Today, the Commission acts on recommendations submitted by the Federal-State Conference on Accounting. This Order only grants some of the Joint Conference's recommendations, I approve in part and concur in part in this item.

This Order reinstates several Part 32 Accounts that provide states with the critical accounting information they need. The Order also requires ILECs to maintain subsidiary records categories for unbundled network element revenues, resale revenues, reciprocal compensation revenues and other interconnection revenues in accounts in which these revenues are currently recorded. Although this item does not go as far as requiring companies to maintain this information in Part 32, this item does require ILECs to make all this data available to the states and to this Commission upon request. I am pleased to see the Commission listened to the Joint Conference's call for the need to have access to this crucial accounting information.

As I said when the Joint Conference filed its recommendation with the FCC, I was concerned that the costs associated with providing information related to certain affiliate transactions might outweigh the benefits of getting that information. I feel the Commission could have provided a tangible benefit to state regulators by approving some of the crucial affiliate transactions recommendations without unduly burdening the ILECs that would have to provide this information. For this reason, I must concur with this part of today's Order.