STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS

Re: New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04-35, Report and Order

This goes back to my comments earlier today. Mandatory reporting rules may not be our first choice in this area, but sometimes they are necessary. And when they are necessary, we should step up to the plate and just do them. Our experience in this particular area has been that voluntary mechanisms have not given us the information that we need to do our job on homeland security. That realization brings us to this decision, which I approve. Thanks to OET for bringing this item to us.