Statement of Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Dissenting

Re: Entercom Seattle License, LLC, Licensee of Station KNDD(FM), Seattle, Washington, Memorandum Opinion and Order

I dissent from today's decision upholding an Enforcement Bureau decision that I believe is inadequate. In response to complaints about two separate broadcasts on KNDD, the Enforcement Bureau proposed a forfeiture of \$7000 for each incident of airing indecent material. In a subsequent order, the Bureau reduced the fine for each broadcast by \$1000. I am concerned that this fine for what the majority concludes is a violation of the indecency statute will be easily absorbed as a "cost of doing business." I am further troubled that the Bureau, rather than the Commissioners, made the initial determination. Our enforcement actions should send a message that licensees cannot ignore their public interest responsibilities. The Commission's action today fails to do so.