

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *Amendment of Section 73.3613 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Filing of Contracts*, MB Docket No. 18-4; *Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105

Today, the Commission launches a rulemaking to consider eliminating the requirement that broadcasters file at the Commission certain contracts and other documents ("Section 73.3613 documents") that they already make available in their public files. This is common sense and fits nicely with efforts I have pushed over the last few years to remove unnecessary requirements imposed on American broadcasters. Perhaps these rules at one time served a purpose, but as of last year only about 500 people – or an average of less than 1.4 people per day – visited the Commission's Reference Information Center where all Section 73.3613 documents are made available, and that figure includes both FCC staff *and* people viewing other available files. The fact is, as broadcaster's public files have gone online, this is nothing more than an outdated burden resulting in duplicative information.

I look forward to quickly concluding this and the other media modernization items the Commission teed up last year.