

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

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Today, we continue the Commission's efforts to modernize our media regulations and eliminate long-outdated paperwork requirements.

Since the 1930s, the FCC has required broadcasters to mail in paper copies of certain contracts. But in the intervening 70 years, there has been this invention called the Internet. So there's no reason to continue putting broadcasters through the expense of shipping reams of paper to the FCC. Indeed, the transition to online public files only further erodes the need for broadcasters to send in all this pulp.

With all of this in mind, I offered an idea last week. I suggested that the agency adopt what I call the "Dunder Mifflin Rule"—if the only beneficiary of a regulation is the paper supply industry, the regulation is void. I think we might have our first test case here, so I want to thank my colleagues for moving so quickly to put this rule to use. I look forward to the Commission's continued efforts to eliminate unnecessary filing requirements.

Thank you to the Media Bureau for your work on this item.