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FCC RELEASES POLICY STATEMENT PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO BROADCASTERS REGARDING INDECENCY STATUTE

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today issued a Policy Statement to provide guidance to broadcast licensees regarding compliance with the Commission’s case law interpreting the broadcast indecency statute.

The Policy Statement discusses the statutory basis for, and judicial history of, indecency regulation; describes the analytical approach the Commission uses in making broadcast indecency determinations (including comparisons of selected rulings); discusses the Commission’s case law interpreting 18 U.S.C. Section 1464 and its own regulations; and describes the Commission’s broadcast indecency enforcement process.

The Commission issued the Policy Statement pursuant to a settlement agreement in a federal district court case.

The text of the Policy Statement is available on the FCC Enforcement Bureau website at www.fcc.gov/eb.

Action by the Commission: March 14, 2001 (FCC 01-90). Chairman Powell and Commissioners Ness and Furchtgott-Roth with Commissioner Tristani dissenting; Commissioners Ness, Furchtgott-Roth and Tristani issuing separate statements.

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