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**FCC ENFORCEMENT BUREAU AND VERIZON ENTER INTO CONSENT DECREE;
VERIZON TO PAY \$77,000 AND IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL ACTIONS TO HELP
ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL COMPETITION RULE**

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Enforcement Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that it has entered into a Consent Decree with Verizon Communications, Inc. (Verizon), under which Verizon will make a voluntary payment of \$77,000 to the United States Treasury and will take certain remedial actions regarding its collocation practices. Today's action by the Enforcement Bureau terminates an investigation into Verizon's compliance with a Commission rule requiring it to promptly notify competitors when a Verizon office has run out of collocation space. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that competitors do not waste time and resources applying for collocation space where none exists.

Commission rules requires incumbent local exchange carriers to post notice on publicly available Internet sites, and within 10 days, when one of their premises has run out of collocation space. The Enforcement Bureau initiated an investigation after an independent audit of Verizon's compliance with the Commission's collocation rules raised questions as to whether Verizon might have violated this posting requirement.

Action by the Chief, Enforcement Bureau, September 10, 2001, Order (DA 01-2079).

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