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## **FCC SEEKS TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR TELECOM CARRIERS' WHOLESALE OPERATIONS**

### *Proposal Seeks to Provide Greater Consistency, Certainty and Clarity*

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) began a rulemaking proceeding to establish a core set of national performance measurements and standards for incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs). The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeks to identify a list of key performance measurements and standards for evaluating an incumbent LEC's performance in provisioning wholesale facilities and services to competitors.

The NPRM adopted today offers for comment a set of 12 specific performance measurements and seeks comment on related issues of implementation, reporting requirements, and enforcement mechanisms (the specific set of performance measurements is attached).

With today's action, the Commission seeks to accomplish the following three goals:

- 1) Create certainty in the marketplace by providing all carriers with bright line guidance about whether an incumbent LEC has provided interconnection, collocation and access to unbundled network elements (UNEs) in a nondiscriminatory manner;
- 2) Reduce reporting costs and minimize regulatory burdens by streamlining, standardizing, and simplifying the potentially divergent federal and state regulatory requirements; and,
- 3) Establish specific enforcement policies or guidelines, including self-effectuating remedies for responding to violations of any national measurements and standards that the Commission adopts.

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Action by the Commission, November 8, 2001, by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 01-331). Chairman Powell, and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps and Martin, with Powell, Copps and Martin issuing separate statements

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