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STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL POWELL ON THE ENFORCEMENT BUREAU'S ENHANCED SECTION 271 COMPLIANCE REVIEW PROGRAM

As additional Bell Operating Companies receive authority to provide in-region long-distance service, the FCC is entering a new phase of section 271 enforcement.

The enhanced Section 271 Compliance Review Program announced today by the Enforcement Bureau provides for structured compliance monitoring by establishing regularly scheduled Commission inquiries and carrier submissions on the issues of greatest concern to the FCC in its decisions granting section 271 authority. Commission staff will continue to review performance monitoring data and will serve as points of contact for state public service commissions, competing carriers, and other interested persons.

Through this program, the Commission continues to demonstrate its commitment to ensuring that the Bell Operating Companies do not abuse their local market dominance once they receive long-distance authority.

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