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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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## **FCC DENIES COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST NOVEMBER 20, 2001, EPISODE OF “BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER”**

Washington, D.C.: Today, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order denying a complaint by Parents Television Council alleging that various television station licensees airing UPN programming, including the licensee of Station WDCA(TV), Washington, DC, aired indecent material during the “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” program on November 20, 2001. The complainants alleged that the “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” episode at issue included a scene in which the characters Buffy and Spike engage in sexual intercourse.

The Commission concluded that the “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” program at issue, as described by the complainants, was not sufficiently explicit or graphic to be indecent. The Commission noted that there was no nudity, and there was no evidence that the activity depicted was dwelled upon, or was used to pander, titillate or shock the audience.

By the Commission: Chairman Powell, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein, FCC 04-196, August 9, 2004.

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