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

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## INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS IN THE FCC'S REVIEW OF THE USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES ON AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT (Docket No. WT 04-435)

On December 15, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission voted to examine whether to modify its rule prohibiting the use of cellular telephones on airborne aircraft. To facilitate the submission of public comments in the upcoming review of this issue, the Commission provides the following instructions.

The Commission is permitted to begin accepting public comments in this matter as soon as it publicly releases the full text of its *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, the order that commences this review. That order is expected to be released mid-January 2005, and will be posted on the Commission's website. **Submissions, including e-mails, received before the release of the order will be associated with the proceeding, but will not necessarily be considered in the record.** You will know that the Commission has begun accepting comments when a link to the proceeding is available through "ECFS Express."

To access "ECFS Express," go to [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov), and click on "ECFS Express" on the left-hand side of the homepage. You will be directed to a listing of a number of the Commission's proceedings. Select the proceeding regarding the review of the ban on using cellular telephones in-flight, and you will be directed to a screen where you will be asked to fill in your contact information and your comments. If there is no link on ECFS Express for this issue, the Commission is not yet accepting comments, so please try again at a later date. Once the Commission begins accepting comments, submissions will be accepted for several months.

More extensive comments may be filed through the regular ECFS process, also available through the FCC's website. All public comments received through ECFS are viewable by the general public at any time through the website.

Those who do not wish to file electronically may file by mailing comments to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. If filing by mail, you must clearly state the docket number WT 04-435 on your filing.

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