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

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**PRESS STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONERS MICHAEL J. COPPS AND JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN  
ON THE FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

Washington, D.C.—Commissioners Michael J. Copps and Jonathan S. Adelstein announced today that Commissioner Copps plans to rejoin the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. Commissioner Adelstein, who joined the Joint Board in 2003, plans to step down at this time.

The Commissioners stated: “We share the belief that universal service is critically important to this agency’s mission. As minority members at the Commission we traditionally are allotted only one of the three statutory slots on the Joint Board. This is why we established a rotation plan for our membership on the Joint Board. As in the past, we intend to coordinate closely on these issues to ensure that the decisions of the Commission and Joint Board adhere to the clear Congressional directive to preserve and advance universal service. It is our duty to ensure that all Americans, no matter who they are or where they live, have access to quality services at affordable rates.”

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