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

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## **CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE ALLTEL-WESTERN WIRELESS LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

Today, the Commission has approved, with conditions, the transfer of licenses for ALLTEL's acquisition of Western Wireless. This action will ensure that consumers continue to receive the benefits of competition, such as lower prices and higher quality service. We have required divestitures, particularly in certain rural markets, to preserve competition where consumers have fewer choices for wireless service.