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

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## **STATEMENT BY FCC COMMISSIONER MICHAEL COPPS ON COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN ABERNATHY'S DEPARTURE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Kathleen Abernathy and I arrived at the Commission together in 2001. In the years since then, the Commission has deliberated important and sometimes difficult issues. Through it all, Kathleen has been a pleasure to work with—smart, insightful and willing to walk an extra mile in search of workable solutions to sometimes seemingly intractable problems. Her grace, poise and good humor also facilitated the work of the Commission and certainly made that work more enjoyable.

I consider her not only a colleague but a friend, and my staff and I wish her and her wonderful family all good things on the road ahead.