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

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## **CHAIRMAN MARTIN'S STATEMENT ON VERIZON WIRELESS'S PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN "ANY APPS, ANY DEVICE" OPTION FOR CONSUMERS IN 2008**

I was pleased to hear the announcement by Verizon Wireless of its plans to introduce a new option for customers throughout the country – an option that will allow customers to use any device and to use any applications that they choose on the Verizon Wireless network. As I noted when we adopted open network rules for our upcoming spectrum auction, wireless customers should be able to use the wireless device of their choice and download whatever software they want onto it. I continue to believe that more openness—at the network, device, and application level—helps foster innovation and enhances consumers' freedom and choice in purchasing wireless service. As I said at the time, I had hoped that our auction rules would ultimately encourage all of the wireless industry to adopt a more open and consumer-friendly industry approach. Today's announcement, along with the Open Handset Alliance's previous announcement of an open platform capable of working on multiple networks, is a significant step towards fulfilling these goals. I am optimistic that Verizon Wireless's commitment along with the upcoming spectrum auction will ensure an exciting new era in wireless technology for the benefit of all consumers.

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