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

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## **FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI STATEMENT ON OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S WIRELESS BROADBAND INITIATIVE**

“Broadband is about investment, innovation, jobs and opportunity, and spectrum is vital infrastructure for broadband. The Administration’s strong action today is a critical step toward ensuring that America will lead the world in mobile broadband.

“The initiatives endorsed today will spur economic growth, promote private investment, and drive U.S. global leadership in broadband innovation. Spectrum is the oxygen of wireless, and the future of our mobile economy depends on spectrum recovery and smart spectrum policies. As over one hundred companies, representing billions in investment and millions of American jobs, told the FCC: ‘Our nation’s ability to lead the world in innovation and technology is threatened by the lack of sufficient spectrum for wireless broadband applications and services.’

“The FCC’s National Broadband Plan laid out a strategy for unleashing 500 Mhz of spectrum for wireless broadband; enabling incentive auctions and market-based solutions for driving spectrum to its highest, best and most efficient use; promoting flexible and unlicensed spectrum use; and generating revenue to fund a world-class mobile broadband network for our nation’s emergency responders.

“Putting this plan into action requires exactly the kind of cross-government collaboration outlined by the Administration today. By taking these important steps, we can tackle the looming spectrum crunch, lead the world in mobile broadband, and drive our global competitiveness and innovative capacity. If we stand still, we run a real risk to our goals of supporting private investment and a thriving economy.

“The FCC looks forward to working with the Congress, our colleagues at NTIA, and across government to support a successful spectrum strategy for our country.”

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