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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 3RD CIRCUIT MEDIA OWNERSHIP FILING

"Today our General Counsel filed a brief in the U.S Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit defending the Commission's authority to make the changes to our media ownership rules that the Commission adopted in 2008. While the rules being challenged were adopted before I became Chairman, I support our General Counsel in arguing that the order was within the discretion of the Commission and the brief's general defense of the Commission's authority to make decisions based on the information before it at the time.

"Congress required the Commission to review media ownership rules on a quadrennial basis and the agency is in the middle of the 2010 ownership review. The review requires us to look at any changed facts in the marketplace based on a record which the Commission is now assembling, while ensuring that our rules promote the lasting public interest goals of competition, localism, and diversity. Our 2010 quadrennial review will focus on these values, in the interest of an informed citizenry and vibrant media marketplace."

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