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

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## **STATEMENT FROM FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ON OMB APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ACCESS DATA COLLECTION**

*On Friday, the Office of Management and Budget approved a plan to collect data from providers and purchasers of special access service for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive evaluation of competition in the marketplace. Special access lines are dedicated high-capacity connections used by businesses and institutions to transmit voice and data traffic. Special access services are widely used to transport massive amounts of voice and data traffic from cell phone towers and buildings, as well as carry transactions from ATM machines and credit card readers.*

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler issued this statement:

“Special access service has become increasingly important in the digital economy, enabling businesses large and small to connect to their customers around the globe. Consistent with the terms of OMB’s approval, we will move forward with data collection and fact-based analysis that will help the Commission better understand competition in this marketplace, and the impact on consumers as we pursue the Commission’s statutory mandate to ensure special access services are provided at reasonable rates and on reasonable terms and conditions.”

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