

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER KEVIN J. MARTIN**

Re: *Public Notice, Section 272 Sunsets For Verizon Communications Inc. in the State of Massachusetts By Operation of Law on April 16, 2004 Pursuant To Section 272(f)(1)*

Today, the Commission—in a public notice—declares that the statutory requirement that BOCs provide in-region, interLATA telecommunications services through a separate corporate affiliate will sunset for Verizon’s operations in Massachusetts by operation of law.¹

As I have said before, I would have preferred that we affirmatively set forth, in a separate Commission order, our analysis and justification for granting the relief we announce in today’s public notice rather than remain silent.²

¹ 47 USC Section 272.

² See Concurring Statement of Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, *Public Notice, Section 272 Sunsets for Verizon in New York State By Operation of Law on December 23, 2002 Pursuant to Section 272(f)(1)*; *In the Matter of Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements*, WC Docket 02-112, (rel. Dec. 23, 2002); See Concurring Statement of Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, *Public Notice, Section 272 Sunsets for SBC in the State of Texas By Operation of Law on June 30, 2003 Pursuant to Section 272(f)(1)*, WC Docket No. 02-112 (rel. June 30, 2003); See Concurring Statement of Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, *Public Notice, Section 272 Sunsets for SBC in the States of Oklahoma and Kansas By Operation of Law on January 22, 2004 Pursuant to Section 272 (f)(1)*, WC Docket No. 02-112 (rel. Jan. 22, 2004).