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## STATEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT BUREAU CHIEF DAVID H. SOLOMON ON \$1.28 MILLION CONSENT DECREE REGARDING LONG DISTANCE CARRIER BUSINESS OPTIONS, INC.

Washington, D.C. – Federal Communications Commission Enforcement Bureau Chief David H. Solomon today issued the following statement regarding the Consent Decree between the Enforcement Bureau and Business Options, Inc. (BOI) and related companies issued by Administrative Law Judge Sippel on February 18, 2004. *See* Consent Decree FCC 04M-08, released February 20, 2004.

"Under the terms of this Consent Decree, BOI will pay its entire outstanding universal service debt, totaling more than \$770,000. BOI also will make a voluntary contribution to the Treasury of \$510,000 and has agreed to strict measures to ensure its future compliance with the Commission's universal service and slamming rules. This Consent Decree, totaling over \$1.28 million, demonstrates the Commission's dedication to the protection of the universal service fund and the prevention of slamming."