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FCC SEEKS INFORMATION ON FOREIGN MOBILE TERMINATION RATES

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a *Notice of Inquiry* that fulfills a commitment that the Commission made in March 2004 in the *ISP Reform Order* to develop a record on foreign mobile termination rates. Today's *Notice* seeks to further develop the Commission's understanding of the possible effects of foreign mobile termination rates on U.S. customers and competition in the U.S.-international telecommunications services market.

The *Notice of Inquiry* solicits comment on foreign mobile termination payment arrangements and on payment flows between carriers that terminate mobile calls in certain foreign countries. It also requests data and information on foreign mobile termination rates, on the actions taken by foreign regulators with respect to these rates, and on competitive concerns raised in the FCC's *ISP Reform* proceeding. Finally, the *Notice* seeks comment and information on the appropriate framework for evaluating whether foreign mobile termination rates are unreasonably high.

Action by the Commission October 14, 2004 by Notice of Inquiry (FCC 04-248). Chairman Powell, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein, with Commissioner Copps issuing a separate statement.

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