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

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## CHAIRMAN POWELL PRAISES STRONG UNIVERSAL SERVICE ENFORCEMENT ACTION

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell issued the following statement concerning the universal service consent decree released today by the Enforcement Bureau, which includes a \$400,000 voluntary contribution to the Treasury:

“Today’s consent decree involving Universal Service Fund contribution obligations is one of the latest steps in our campaign to ensure compliance with the Commission’s universal service rules. Over the last year, enforcement actions have resulted in payments or agreements to make payments to the universal service fund of nearly \$20 million.

We cannot and will not tolerate refusals to comply with our contribution rules. We will continue our strong enforcement in this area to help ensure that telecommunications services are available to all Americans. When carriers contribute their fair share we ensure that the universal service fund remains on a sound footing.”

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