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

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES WIRELESS INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT NOTICE OF INQUIRY**

Washington, D.C. –The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a Wireless Innovation and Investment *Notice of Inquiry* (“NOI”) that seeks to identify concrete steps the Commission can take to support and encourage further innovation and investment in the wireless marketplace. This NOI also seeks to better understand the factors that encourage innovation and investment throughout this area.

Innovation in wireless, an increasingly significant part of the communications sector, can be an engine for near-term economic recovery and long-term economic growth. In furtherance of this goal, the NOI seeks comment broadly on all ideas that will foster wireless innovation and investment. In particular, the NOI focuses on spectrum availability and use, wireless networks, devices, applications, and business practices. The NOI also seeks comment on how the public has used wireless services and technology to solve real-world problems in areas such as health care, energy, education, and public safety.

More generally, the NOI seeks to develop a framework for analyzing wireless innovation and investment, including any metrics or data sources that should be considered. This framework, together with the record developed in response to the Mobile Competition Report NOI adopted today, will serve as a base of knowledge to inform Commission consideration of wireless regulatory issues going forward.

Action by the Commission August 27, 2009, by Notice of Inquiry (FCC 09-66). Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Copps, McDowell, Clyburn and Baker with Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Copps, McDowell, Clyburn and Baker issuing separate statements. GN Docket No. 09-157

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