



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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memorandum

TO: Chief, Reference Information Center
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FROM:  Daniel M. Armstrong
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SUBJECT: *Association of Communications Enterprises v. FCC*, No. 01-1206 and *Thomas F. Reilly, in his capacity as the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. FCC*, No. 01-1209. Filing of two Notices of Appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

DATE: May 22, 2001

This is to advise you that, on May 11, 2001, the Association of Communications Enterprises ("ASCENT") filed a Notice of Appeal and, on May 14, 2001, Thomas F. Reilly, in his capacity as the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts also filed a Notice of Appeal, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 402(b), of the following order: *In re Application of Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), and Verizon Global Networks Inc., For Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Massachusetts*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 01-09, FCC 01-130 (released April 16, 2001).

ASCENT and Thomas F. Reilly challenge the FCC's authorization of Verizon to provide long-distance telephone service in Massachusetts pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act.

The Court has docketed these cases as Nos. 01-1206 and 01-1209 and consolidated them with *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1198. The attorney assigned to handle the litigation of these cases is James M. Carr.