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

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## **STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL POWELL ON BROADCAST OWNERSHIP PROCEEDING**

I am enormously pleased so many citizens have chosen to participate in the broadcast ownership proceeding. The number of comments is staggering - 13,000 from the general public alone. It is gratifying to witness first hand the unparalleled opportunities technology now provides the American public to participate in the democratic process. This record clearly demonstrates that in the digital age, you don't need a 19th century whistle stop tour to hear from America. In addition to poring through this exhaustive record, I will attend the FCC's hearing in Richmond, Virginia on February 27. I commend others for their interest in attending additional forums.

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