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## **FCC IMPOSES \$1,020,000 FINE AGAINST AMERICA'S TELE-NETWORK CORP FOR SLAMMING VIOLATIONS**

**Washington, D.C.** - Today the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released an order imposing a \$1,020,000 fine against America's Tele-Network Corp. (ATNC) for violations of the Communications Act and the Commission's rules against slamming.

The Commission found that ATNC is liable for a base fine of \$40,000 for each of 17 slamming violations, or \$680,000. The Commission further determined that, based upon a pattern of intentional and egregious misconduct, the fine should be increased by 50%, for a total forfeiture of \$1,020,000.

Action by the Commission, December 12, 2001, by Order of Forfeiture (FCC 01-365).  
Chairman Powell; Commissioners Abernathy, Copps and Martin.

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