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1. BEFORE THE SUPREME ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

In 2002 several experts of Communications Regulation Commission took part in the preparation and procedural representation in more than 140 legal actions heard before the Supreme Administrative Court, which can be classified by type of their subjects as follows:

a) Administrative action before the Supreme Administrative Court against a decision adopted by the Council of Ministers on issuance of individual license for construction, maintenance and operation of public telecommunications network for digital terrestrial TV and radio broadcasting in the area of Sofia city, awarding the license in a tender procedure to the Bulgarian Telecommunications Company.

b) Administrative actions against decisions of the Council of Ministers on determination of the persons which were awarded the licenses in the tender procedures for issuance of individual licenses for construction, maintenance and operation of public telecommunications network for terrestrial broadcasting in 18 towns (more than 30 legal actions).

c) Finalization of the administrative actions before a 5-member panel of judges of the Supreme Administrative Court instituted against the refusals for issuance of program licenses under the Radio and Television Act.

d) Administrative actions (before courts of first and second instance) instituted on the basis of claims against the orders by the CRC Chairman for discontinuation of the activities carried out by radio and TV operators in violation of the Telecommunications Act and other secondary legislation instruments related to telecommunications (more than 70 legal actions).

e) Administrative actions instituted against the refusals of CRC to extend the individual licenses issued by virtue of § 14 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Telecommunications Act (more than 30 legal actions).

2. BEFORE THE DISTRICT AND REGIONAL COURTS

The Commission **prepared written defense and in this connection its experts appeared over 160 times** in district and regional courts of justice all over the country. Such representation is made on legal actions entrusted to the Department "Court presentation and administrative penalties" and instituted on the appealed penalty orders issued by the CRC Chairman.

The Commission prepared and sent in time to the respective courts of justice all the files of contested penalty orders issued on the grounds of violations of the Telecommunications Act.

Over 40 appeals were prepared and sent to the respective district courts.