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**COMPTEL Commends Precedent-Setting Michigan PSC Order
Forcing AT&T to Comply with Interconnection Obligations**

AT&T Files IP Interconnection Agreement with Sprint

WASHINGTON, DC – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, commended the Michigan Public Service Commission's (PSC) defining order, which required AT&T to file its IP interconnection agreement with Sprint. Today, AT&T fulfilled this obligation.

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, COMPTEL's CEO:

"Today marks a victory for consumers, competition and the industry in general. A competitor has finally been able to exercise its statutory right to interconnect with a major ILEC on an IP basis, an action that spurs the transition and allows consumers to further benefit from this innovative technology. The Michigan PSC is to be praised for being the first state to stand up to AT&T and force it to comply with its IP interconnection obligations under the '96 Act. We hope this action serves as a precedent for other states and the FCC to follow so that carriers' rights to IP interconnection for voice communications are honored nationwide."

About COMPTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.