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COMPTEL Comments on Release of FCC’s Open Internet Order

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today the Federal Communications Commission released the text of its [Open Internet Order](#).

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, CEO of COMPTEL, the leading trade association advocating for competitive networks and competitive communications policy:

“COMPTEL is pleased the Commission’s Open Internet Order confirms that consumers should get what they pay for and that broadband Internet access service providers cannot evade the protections through their interconnection and traffic exchange practices.

Interconnection is the first amendment for the open Internet. As such, we look forward to the Commission fulfilling the promise of today’s order by promptly adjudicating disputes regarding interconnection and traffic exchange practices and confirming that ISPs’ attempts to extract tolls for the delivery of Internet traffic are unlawful.

We commend the Chairman and Commission staff for developing these legally sustainable rules that use the light touch approach provided by the 1996 Act, and releasing the Order in a timely manner. These rules will strengthen the future Internet economy and will lead to more innovation, investment and growth.”

About COMPTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association advocating for competitive networks and competitive communications policy. 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 or follow us on Twitter @COMPTEL.