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Competitive Access is Broadband Future

INCOMPAS Files Comments in Special Access Proceeding with FCC

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Tuesday, January 27th, 2016) – INCOMPAS, the competitive networks association, (formerly COMPTTEL) filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the competitive broadband access proceeding, also known as Special Access.

Praising Chairman Tom Wheeler and the FCC for their commitment to moving a data collection effort and policy reform process that has been delayed more than a decade, INCOMPAS stresses that ensuring competitive access to customer locations and cell sites is critical to both the future of wireless networks and the businesses who depend on high capacity broadband connections.

A link to the filing can be found here. http://www.incompas.org/Files/filings/2016/1-27-2016_INCOMPAS_Special_Access_Comments.pdf

In addition to the FCC filing, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, released the following statement:

“Ensuring broadband competition has a broad economic impact in helping businesses large and small, schools, hospitals and nonprofit organizations operate and grow through secured managed services, cloud computing and connection to the Internet.

“Every American who relies on a wireless connection for an UBER ride, buying lunch, or connecting with friends on Twitter and Snapchat has a dog in the fight for promoting wireless competition and innovation via special access.

“The FCC and Chairman Tom Wheeler deserve praise for their incredible work in moving the data collection and policy reform process forward. After more than a decade of delay, this data will help policy makers look at the market from the consumer's perspective, rather than the incumbents' portrayal that does not tell the true story.

“Hundreds of business customers and trade associations representing start-ups and over 150,000 gas stations and convenience stores have called on the FCC to protect and preserve competition for future networks. Competition drives innovative and affordable products, as well as better customer service for businesses and consumers.”

About INCOMPAS:

Formerly known as COMPTTEL, INCOMPAS is the leading trade association for the competitive networks. INCOMPAS represents communications and technology companies large and small, advocating for laws and policies that promote competition, innovation and economic development. Learn more at www.incompas.org.

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