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COMPTEL Applauds FCC Order Reducing Pole Attachment Fees

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today praised the Federal Communications Commission for reducing the cost telecommunications companies must pay to attach their lines and equipment to utility company poles and setting a maximum timeframe for those utility companies to allow pole attachments.

The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL:

“The Commission should be commended for its actions today, which are an important step to promoting more competition in the broadband market. By lowering the pole attachment rental rates telecommunications carriers must pay and minimizing the delays in getting access to utility companies’ poles, the Commission has reduced barriers for companies that are deploying broadband network infrastructure. These actions today are important signals that encourage our members to build out broadband facilities across the country and increase consumer choice in the providers of these services.”

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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.