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COMPTEL Statement on the Departure of Christine Varney, Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, commented on the departure of Assistant Attorney General Christine Varney from DOJ’s Antitrust Division.

The following is attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL:

“Assistant Attorney General Varney’s leadership of the Department’s Antitrust Division was instrumental in protecting businesses and consumers from anticompetitive activity. COMPTEL and its member companies are grateful for her service and dedication. We hope the Administration will move quickly to nominate a replacement to build upon Christine Varney’s efforts to effectively enforce our antitrust laws. In the meantime, we know that the professional staff of the Antitrust Division will continue their hard work in examining the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger. In the end, we are confident that the evidence will show that this merger must be rejected.”

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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.