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COMPTEL Commends FCC for Releasing Report  
Condemning AT&T’s Acquisition of T-Mobile

Facts Show that Merger Would Harm Competition, Result in Job Loss and  
Adversely Impact Backhaul Market

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After approving AT&T’s request to pull its application related to the  
acquisition of T-Mobile, the Federal Communications Commission’s Wireless  
Telecommunications Bureau late yesterday issued a report detailing its findings on the potential  
impact of the merger. The report countered AT&T’s public claims, noting that the merger would  
result in less competition, job loss and harm the backhaul market.

The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL, the leading trade  
association for the competitive communications industry:

“COMPTEL thanks the FCC staff for its exhaustive efforts to investigate and  
analyze the true impact of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger, rather than accepting  
the companies’ claims at face value.

From the outset, we have expressed our concerns about the adverse effect that  
such consolidation would have on both the wireless and wireline communications  
– from less competition and innovation to job losses and higher prices for  
consumers. In addition to acknowledging the impact on consumers, we appreciate  
that the Bureau recognized the potential harm the merger poses to our members,  
with regard to the critical backhaul market.

The FCC’s detailed evaluation validates these concerns, and offers clear evidence  
that AT&T should not prevail in its attempt to acquire T-Mobile.”

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better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.