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COMPTTEL Supports FCC Action to Reform Special Access Framework

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today commended the FCC decision to suspend consideration of the pending pricing flexibility petitions pending development of a new framework.

The following statement can be attributed to COMPTTEL:

“We are encouraged that the Commission has recognized the framework for pricing in the special access market is broken. We hope the FCC is signaling that it will be putting in place the correct pro-competitive policies for a 21st century broadband market, which support investment in new networks and innovation on existing infrastructure, while discouraging significant overcharging by dominate players in a multi-billion dollar service market. Whether the infrastructure is copper or fiber, or the technology is TDM or IP, pro-competitive policies are vital to ensure a functioning free market.”

We hope that reform will be forthcoming and that it will be effective in promoting robust communications markets so that consumers, small businesses and mobile providers across the country have access to affordable broadband.”

About COMPTTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTTEL 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. COMPTTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTTEL 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.