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COMPTEL Responds to AT&T Statements at NARUC

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today responded to statements made by AT&T at NARUC yesterday, providing perspective on the difference between managed VoIP services vs. the public Internet.

COMPTEL pointed out that the managed VoIP services for which other carriers seek IP interconnection to exchange with AT&T do not travel over the public Internet, as even AT&T’s own website confirms:

“AT&T U-verse Voice service is provided over AT&T’s world-class managed network and not the public Internet. Using one network to provide U-verse services enables AT&T to provide high quality service. Voice over IP (“VoIP”) providers who utilize the public Internet are less able to control the traffic and ensure voice quality.”

COMPTEL believes that in order for there to be serious discussions on the transition to packet-mode services, managed voice services cannot continually be mischaracterized as the public Internet.

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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 or follow @COMPTEL on Twitter.