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COMPTEL Comments on Nomination of Tom Wheeler as FCC Chairman

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, commented on today’s announcement that President Obama has nominated Tom Wheeler to head the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL:

“COMPTEL congratulates Mr. Wheeler on his nomination to the FCC. With a wealth of experience and industry knowledge, he is well-suited to provide thoughtful leadership at a time when the Commission has a number of important issues to address.

Perhaps the most critical issue facing the FCC now is the transition to IP technology in our nation’s communications network. As part of that transition, the FCC must ensure that pro-competitive policies remain in place so that all consumers, particularly small and medium-sized businesses, can continue to enjoy innovative solutions and choose from a variety of providers to best meet their needs.

We hope that the confirmation process is quick, so that we can begin working with Mr. Wheeler and the rest of the Commission as they focus on the IP transition and numerous other topics that are vital to continued development of a robust communications marketplace.”

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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.