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**COMPTTEL Comments on FCC Proposal  
for Technology Experiments**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today commented on action taken at today's FCC Open Meeting to initiate technology transition experiments.

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, CEO of COMPTTEL:

*"As the FCC prepares to embark on technology experiments and developing a managerial framework for identifying associated key legal and competition policy issues, we are grateful for the leadership of the Chairman and the Commission in protecting the enduring values, including competition that ensures functioning networks and functioning markets. The successful laws and policies that have promoted competition in the communications industry have resulted in tremendous innovation, investment and economic growth in the U.S.*

*Today's Task Force presentation acknowledges the importance of competition and reaffirms the Commission's commitment to ensure that the foundation of competition will prevail in the future so that all Americans can benefit from it.*

*COMPTTEL and its members, representing all sectors of the communications marketplace, look forward to fully participating and engaging in the Commission's processes. Our members' experience in operating IP networks for the past decade has demonstrated the benefits of this technology and shown the advanced services it can enable for consumers and businesses across the nation."*

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**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](http://www.comptel.org).