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COMPTEL Commends FCC for Recognizing Importance of Wholesale Access in Technology Transitions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today at the open meeting of the Federal Communications Commission, the Wireline Competition Bureau made a presentation on the status of the AT&T service-based experiments in the Technology Transitions proceeding.

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

"We appreciate that the Commission acknowledged the importance of wholesale access as it examines AT&T's proposal to transition two wire centers to IP technology and recognized that there is still work to be done before AT&T meets all the requirements of the FCC's order. A vibrant wholesale market is critical to the development of competitive retail services for consumers and businesses, alike.

COMPTEL and its member companies continue to be willing to work with any carrier, anywhere, to provide the Commission the information necessary for a successful and complete trial. COMPTEL agrees with the Chairman that success is defined as one that promotes the enduring values of competition, universal service, public safety and consumer protection, while expediting a transition to IP-enabled networks."

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.