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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of )  
)  
Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of )  
Advanced Telecommunications )  
Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable )  
and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps )  
to Accelerate Such Deployment )  
Pursuant to Section 706 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

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REPLY COMMENTS OF OPTEL, INC.

OpTel, Inc. ("OpTel"), submits this reply to the comments filed in response to the above-referenced Notice of Inquiry ("NOI"). Although the Commission received comments in this proceeding from a wide range of parties and interests, it should pay particular attention to the comments filed by Teligent, Inc. ("Teligent").

As Teligent notes in its comments, the importance of enhancing competitive options for residents in multiple dwelling units ("MDUs") cannot be overstated. A significant and growing percentage of the U.S. population resides in MDU facilities. For that reason, the Commission should act promptly on OpTel's suggestion that it move the telephone demarcation point to the minimum point of entry on MDU properties. By acting on that suggestion, the Commission can help to foster facilities-based residential telephone competition in the MDU marketplace, which will, in turn, promote the development of facilities-based residential telephone competition nationwide.

Respectfully submitted,

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