

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities)	CC Docket No. 02-33
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Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers)	
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Computer III Further Remand Proceedings: Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Review of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements)	CC Docket Nos. 95-20, 98-10
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Request for Extension of Comment Period

The Competitive Telecommunications Association (“CompTel”) respectfully requests a three week extension of the deadline for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding (*i.e.*, until May 3, 2002), as well as a corresponding three week extension of the deadline to file reply comments (*i.e.*, until June 3, 2002). CompTel believes that a grant of this request is in the public interest, because it will allow all parties the opportunity to consider and evaluate the Commission’s recent decision classifying high-speed Internet access provided *via* cable facilities as an “information service.”¹ The Commission’s decision regarding cable modem Internet access has obvious, and profound, implications that parties will have to address in their comments in

¹ *Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other Facilities; Internet Over Cable Declaratory Ruling; Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Cable Facilities*; GN Docket No. 00-185 and CS Docket No. 02-52, *Declaratory Ruling and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, (rel. March 15, 2002).

the above-captioned proceeding. Clearly, this modest extension is warranted to allow all parties to better examine and analyze the Commission's most recent decision construing the term "information services" in the context of Internet access. An extension of time to file comments and reply comments will likely result in a more complete public record, and will cause no prejudice to any party. Therefore, CompTel urges the Commission to grant this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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