

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of )  
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Qwest Petition for Forbearance Under )  
47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and )  
*Computer Inquiry* Rules with Respect to )  
Broadband Services )  
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Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance )  
under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II ) WC Docket No. 06-125  
and *Computer Inquiry* Rules with )  
Respect to its Broadband Services )  
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Petition of BellSouth Corporation for )  
Forbearance Under Section 47 U.S.C. )  
§ 160(c) from Title II and *Computer* )  
*Inquiry* Rules with Respect to its )  
Broadband Services )  
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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> COMPTTEL hereby requests that the Commission extend the deadlines for the filing of comments and reply comments in this proceeding. COMPTTEL moves for an order resetting the comment date for August 20 and the reply date for September 5, 2006.

Resetting the comment cycle is warranted for several reasons. *First*, two of the three petitions became available through the Commission's ECFS system only yesterday, scarcely a week before comments are due. Interested

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

parties have a right to expect reasonable time to access, review, and respond to petitions -- something that otherwise would be denied them here. *Second*, the forbearance petitions seek what is unquestionably a major change to existing regulations affecting competition in broadband services. This modest extension of time will allow interested and affected parties time to circulate and review the petitions and prepare comments appropriate to the important and controversial issues they raise. In turn, the extension will allow the Commission to obtain a more complete and well-developed record in this proceeding. *Third*, this extension will do no more than apply the Commission's standard 30-day and 15-day periods for comments and replies, running from the public notice for the third petition.<sup>2</sup>

This extension will prejudice no one. Qwest's and BellSouth's petitions do not expressly seek expedited treatment. AT&T's asks the Commission to act within 60 days, but provides no justification beyond noting that Verizon has already received similar forbearance "by operation of law." Commenters, of course, may dispute whether the petitions should be granted at all.

None of the petitioners can fairly object to a reasonable extension of the comment cycle.<sup>3</sup> Granting this motion and applying the standard 30/15

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<sup>2</sup> The public notice for BellSouth's July 20 petition (DA 06-1490) was released July 21, 2006. The public notice for Qwest's and AT&T's petitions (DA 06-1404) was released July 19, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Qwest, AT&T, and BellSouth took three, three and a half, and four months, respectively, to file their petitions after the Commission's March 20,

day comment and reply cycle does not preclude the Commission from acting on the petitions in a reasonably prompt fashion.

Accordingly, COMPTEL respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion and reset the comment and reply filing dates in this proceeding for August 20, 2006, and September 5, 2006, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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2006 press release addressing Verizon's December 20, 2004 petition (WC Docket No. 04-440).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 26th day of July, 2006, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time in WC Docket No. 06-125 was delivered by electronic mail to the individuals listed below.

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