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The Communications Association of Choice

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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

RE: WC Docket Nos. 06-74, 06-125, 06-172, and 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, COMPTTEL hereby gives notice that on September 20, 2006, Earl Comstock, CEO, Jonathan Lee, General Counsel, and the undersigned, all of COMPTTEL, met with Chairman Martin, Daniel Gonzalez, Chief of Staff, Michelle Carey, Senior Legal Advisor, and Thomas Navin, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

In the meeting, and consistent with its Petition to Deny and comments submitted in the above-referenced proceedings, COMPTTEL discussed the interaction - and consequential harm - posed by the pending AT&T and BellSouth Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control, incumbent local exchange carriers' forbearance petitions, and further delay in addressing the issues raised in the special access proceeding.

COMPTTEL pointed out that the purpose of the Commission's public interest analysis is not merely to determine whether the merger will harm competition, but instead the Commission must be convince that it will enhance competition. COMPTTEL emphasized that inter-modal competition is dependant on the inter-modal competitors being able to get interconnection and access to critical inputs that are in the control of the ILECs. Moreover, ultimately, inter-modal competitors must be able to look forward to the development of a non-Bell market for metro transport services, and that the FCC must be mindful of ways to promote the development of competitive wholesale markets. COMPTTEL also stressed the harm the merger poses through the loss of AT&T as a high-volume purchaser of special access.

Sincerely,
/s/ Karen Reidy
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs