



September 29, 2006

**EX PARTE**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte, WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, COMPTEL hereby gives notice that on September 28, 2006, its representatives met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein. In this meeting, COMPTEL urged the Commission to deny AT&T's pending license transfer applications in conjunction with its proposed merger with BellSouth. COMPTEL explained that the proposed merger does not enhance the public interest, it further eliminates actual and potential competition between AT&T and BellSouth, and it increases the incentive of the post-merger firm to raise input prices to competitive wireless and wireline carriers. For all of these reasons, COMPTEL asked the Commission to deny the pending merger application.

Finally, COMPTEL also asked the Commission to be mindful, if it were to consider merger conditions, that any merger conditions relating to network access can only be effective if the carrier using such access or facility is able to use the post-merger firm's network to provide any telecommunications or information service. Representing COMPTEL were Earl Comstock and the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Lee

## General Counsel