



October 20, 2006

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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 19, 2006, its representative met with Michelle Carey, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin via teleconference. In this meeting, COMPTEL explained that the proposed merger conditions proffered by AT&T on Friday, October 13th (as corrected by AT&T's October 16th Erratum) do little to mitigate the public interest harms previously identified by COMPTEL and others. COMPTEL also explained that AT&T has, for Chairman Martin's entire tenure, demanded a disproportionate amount of the Commission's deliberative resources for the sole purpose of advancing its private interest through the further accretion of market power and the enhanced ability to exercise that market power. Given AT&T's failure thus far to make a good faith effort to address the legitimate public interest concerns of the Commission, COMPTEL encouraged FCC to simply deny the pending merger application. At a minimum, COMPTEL encouraged the Commission to postpone consideration of AT&T's merger application until the applicants agree to conditions that are more likely to facilitate future entry of competitors, and expansion by competitors, in the post-merger firm's ILEC territories.

Representing COMPTEL was the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Lee
General Counsel