

January 10, 2007

Via Electronic Filing

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

EX PARTE NOTICE

RE: WC Docket No. 96-115 and RM-11277

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, COMPTEL hereby gives notice that on January 9, 2007, Julia Strow of Cbeyond Communications, Russell Merbeth of Eschelon Telecom, and the undersigned met with John Hunter, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, and Melissa Slawson of Commissioner McDowell's office.

In the meeting, and consistent with its letter dated December 18, 2006 and comments submitted in the above-referenced proceeding, COMPTEL discussed the issues raised in the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

COMPTEL reiterated its position that the Commission should not modify its current CPNI regulations. Congress is taking the right approach in recent legislation by targeting the offenders of pretexting. If the Commission adopts additional regulations, COMPTEL emphasized that there should be an exemption for business customer accounts. Additionally, any regulation mandating authentication practices for residential customer accounts should only be required at the customer's option.

Sincerely,
/s/ Karen Reidy

cc: John Hunter
Melissa Slawson