

Before The  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies	)	Docket No.
06-172		
For Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)	)	
In the Boston, New York, Philadelphia,	)	
Pittsburgh, Providence and Virginia Beach	)	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas	)	

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.46, COMPTEL hereby requests that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of comments and reply comments in the above captioned proceeding for an additional 30 days beyond the existing comment and reply comment deadlines. The adoption and release by the Commission of the Second Protective Order in this docket on January 25, 2007 provides good cause for granting the extension and no parties, including Verizon, will be prejudiced by the additional time. The one year statutory window for the Commission to act on the Verizon Forbearance Petitions does not close until September 2007 and Verizon has not asked for expedited treatment.

The Second Protective Order will provide all parties with access to the confidential information on which Verizon asks the Commission to rely upon in its request for forbearance. Given that more complete access to Verizon's

petition is now available for the first time, it does not make sense to keep the existing comment and reply comment cycles. The Second Protective Order itself allows parties possessing highly confidential data five business days after receiving an executed protective order to provide access to the requested information. Thus, the earliest a party could receive access to the requested information would be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the date on which comments are currently due. Moreover, even after obtaining access to the information provided under the Second Protective Order, parties will need to analyze the data prior to being able to prepare informed comments. It would, therefore, benefit the creation of a more complete record if the Commission were to extend the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments. Under the present schedule, Comments on Verizon's Petitions are due February 2, 2007 and March 19, 2007, respectively. If the Commission grants this Motion, the new deadline for filing comments will be March 5, 2007 and the new deadline for filing reply comments will be April 18, 2007.

For the foregoing reasons, COMPTTEL respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion and postpone the comment and reply comment filing deadlines by 30 days from the present deadlines.

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Respectfully submitted,

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