



August 29, 2007

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

Re: **Notice of Ex Parte Meeting, WC Docket Nos. 06-125 and 06-147**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, COMPTEL hereby gives notice that on August 28, 2007, its representative met with John Hunter, Chief of Staff & Senior Legal Advisor for Commissioner Robert M. McDowell via teleconference. In this meeting, COMPTEL cautioned the Commission that, while the "me too" petitions for forbearance in the above-referenced dockets (asking for whatever relief Verizon was "deemed granted" in March of 2006) may have some superficial appeal from a regulatory equity/parity perspective, it is clear from the letter to the petitioners from the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau requesting more information, that none of the petitioners had been able to prove its case in the one year time frame allotted for forbearance petitions. Given this fact, COMPTEL explained, the best recourse for the Commission would be to deny all of the above-referenced petitions, and then take into account any legitimate concerns that may have been expressed, but not proven, when the FCC writes new special access rules. Moreover, the imminence of Commission action in the Special Access Rulemaking, WC 05-25, should mollify concerns of some ILECs over regulatory "disparity" with Verizon—as any new special access rules would necessarily apply to Verizon to the same degree they applied to any other similarly-situated ILEC.

Representing COMPTEL was the undersigned attorney. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-872-5743 with any further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan D. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'J'.

Jonathan Lee  
General Counsel