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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: *Ex Parte Notice in WC Docket Nos. 05-25, 06-125, and 06-147*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, COMPTEL hereby gives notice that, on September 28, 2007, its representative had a brief meeting, via teleconference, with John Hunter, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Robert McDowell. In this meeting, COMPTEL urged the Commission to deny the broadband forbearance petitions in docket no. 06-125, and to deny in part the petitions filed in docket no. 06-147. To the degree the Commission believes that the public interest is served by granting the petitioners any relief with respect to special access-based retail business services, COMPTEL explained that the better docket, for public interest purposes, would be the special access rulemaking in docket no. 05-25. Because none of the petitioners had provided any evidence in the forbearance dockets, it would be inappropriate, as a matter of precedent, to award any relief to petitioners that have not even attempted to satisfy their burden of proof. Moreover, COMPTEL argued, from a "regulatory parity" perspective, the Commission could best achieve the goal of treating all BOCs equally through a rulemaking of general applicability.

Representing COMPTEL was the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lee