



March 22, 2010

**EX PARTE**

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

Re: WC Docket Nos. 05-25, 06-74, 06-125, 09-222, 09-223, GN Docket Nos. 09-47,  
09-51, 09-137, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 04-48, 04-440 and RM-10593, RM-  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 15, 2010, Steve Lochmueller, Sherm Henderson and Steve Ray of Lightyear Network Solutions, Joe Ambersley of PAETEC Communications, Dan Boynton and Charles Murray of Zone Telecom, Steven Dorf of FastTrack Communications, Dale Schmick of YourTel America, Penny Bewick of New Edge Networks, an Earthlink Company, Nancy Lubamersky and Russ Shipley of TelePacific Communications and Jerry James and the undersigned of COMPTEL met with Paul de Sa and Tom Koutsky of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis at the COMPTEL Convention and EXPO in Nashville, Tennessee. During the meeting, the parties expressed concern about the impending expiration of the AT&T/BellSouth merger conditions and the difficulties they have experienced in trying to negotiate new term agreements to replace expired and month-to-month interconnection and commercial agreements with AT&T.

The parties emphasized that they remain dependent to a large extent on the incumbent LECs' last mile facilities and that they use both unbundled network elements and special access to serve their customers. Access to ILEC copper, hybrid and fiber last mile facilities at rates that will allow them to offer attractively and affordably priced services to their end users is critical to their ability to offer competitive voice and

broadband services. The parties' comments on pricing and availability issues of last mile facilities were consistent with those they have filed in the above-captioned dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Mary C. Albert

cc: Paul de Sa  
Tom Koutsky