



August 31, 2011

EX PARTE

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

Re: WC Docket No. 11-42, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; WC Docket No. 03-109, Lifeline and Link Up

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 31, 2011, Dale Schmick, Chief Strategy Officer, YourTel America, Inc. and Chairman of the Board of COMPTTEL, and the undersigned met with Commissioner McDowell and Erin McGrath regarding the above-captioned Lifeline/Link Up reform proceedings. We relayed the position of COMPTTEL and its members that preserving the availability of competitive choice in Lifeline providers will deter waste, fraud and abuse in the distribution of Lifeline/Link Up funds and will promote the Commission's goal of advancing the availability of voice service for low income consumers.

COMPTTEL highlighted several issues of particular concern to its members, including the necessity of developing a national database to verify customer eligibility for Lifeline/Link Up assistance and to identify and eventually eliminate duplicate claims for Lifeline service by a single consumer. We also stressed the importance of the Commission maintaining Link Up reimbursement for service activation fees charged by both wireline and wireless carriers, reimbursement for toll limitation service for consumers who wish to control their telecommunications expenditures, and the advantages of a one-per-qualifying adult rule over a one-per-residential address rule. COMPTTEL's comments were consistent with the written submissions it made in these dockets on April 21, May 10, August 26, 2011.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Mary C. Albert

cc: Commissioner McDowell
Erin McGrath