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**VIA ECFS**

***EX PARTE NOTICE***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Technology Transitions, GN Docket No. 13-5; AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition, GN Docket No. 12-353; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; Petition of tw telecom inc. et al. to Establish Regulatory Parity in the Provision of Non-TDM-Based Broadband Transmission Services, WC Docket No. 11-188; Petition for Declaratory Ruling That tw telecom inc. Has the Right to Direct IP-to-IP Interconnection Pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Communications Act, as Amended, for the Transmission and Routing of tw telecom's Facilities-Based VoIP Services and IP-in-the-Middle Voice Services, WC Docket No. 11-119; Business Broadband Marketplace, WC Docket No. 10-188; Cbeyond, Inc. Petition for Expedited Rulemaking to Require Unbundling of Hybrid, FTTH, and FTTC Loops Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) of the Act, WC Docket No. 09-223; Policies and Rules Governing Retirement Of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, RM-11358; Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 29, 2014, Deborah Ward, CEO of TSI and Chairwoman of COMPTTEL, and Chip Pickering, and the undersigned from COMPTTEL met with Chairman Wheeler, Jonathan Sallet, Acting General Counsel, and Daniel Alvarez, Legal Advisor to the Chairman. We also met separately with Julie Veach, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. In these meetings, Ms. Ward described TSI's business and conveyed that a robust competitive marketplace best ensures consumer benefits. We specifically referred to and provided COMPTTEL's *ex parte* letter and proposed managerial framework we submitted on April 2, 2014.<sup>1</sup> We emphasized that the

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<sup>1</sup> COMPTTEL *Ex Parte* Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, filed in GN Docket No. 13-5 *et al.*, dated Apr. 2, 2014.

above-referenced proceedings have been pending for a number of years and are in need of speedy resolution to ensure a competitive marketplace, especially with respect America's businesses, and to provide a stable investment environment for all carriers and their investors. Moreover, we also referenced the letter filed by Windstream that emphasizes the need for a last mile access solution to ensure that competition will flourish when all networks have transitioned to IP.<sup>2</sup> It is imperative that the Commission protect the wholesale marketplace and promote competition for all consumers, including business consumers, and we appreciate the Chairman's leadership in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Angie Kronenberg*

cc: Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Jonathan Sallet  
Daniel Alvarez  
Julie Veach

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<sup>2</sup> See Windstream *Ex Parte* Letter to Jonathan Sallet and Julie Veach, GN Docket No. 13-5 *et al.*, dated Apr. 28, 2014.