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**COMPTTEL Comments on FCC's Action to Reform
Intercarrier Compensation and Universal Service**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today commented on the Federal Communications Commission's adoption of an order designed to reform intercarrier compensation and universal service funding.

The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTTEL:

"Today, the FCC has taken a historic step to reform intercarrier compensation and to redirect what can only be called a broken universal service system to a more targeted system that encourages broadband. COMPTTEL looks forward to reviewing the details of this order.

All of this hard work will be meaningless, however, if the Commission does not maintain its focus on achieving a robust, competitive environment for IP-based services, and it will be from this perspective that COMPTTEL will evaluate the FCC's decision."

About COMPTTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.