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**COMPTTEL Commends FCC for Releasing Report
Condemning AT&T's Acquisition of T-Mobile**

***Facts Show that Merger Would Harm Competition, Result in Job Loss and
Adversely Impact Backhaul Market***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After approving AT&T's request to pull its application related to the acquisition of T-Mobile, the Federal Communications Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau late yesterday issued a report detailing its findings on the potential impact of the merger. The report countered AT&T's public claims, noting that the merger would result in less competition, job loss and harm the backhaul market.

The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry:

"COMPTTEL thanks the FCC staff for its exhaustive efforts to investigate and analyze the true impact of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger, rather than accepting the companies' claims at face value.

From the outset, we have expressed our concerns about the adverse effect that such consolidation would have on both the wireless and wireline communications – from less competition and innovation to job losses and higher prices for consumers. In addition to acknowledging the impact on consumers, we appreciate that the Bureau recognized the potential harm the merger poses to our members, with regard to the critical backhaul market.

The FCC's detailed evaluation validates these concerns, and offers clear evidence that AT&T should not prevail in its attempt to acquire T-Mobile."

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.