

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Qwest Petition for Forbearance Under	)	
47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and	)	
<i>Computer Inquiry</i> Rules with Respect to	)	
Broadband Services	)	
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Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance	)	
Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II	)	WC Docket No. 06-125
and <i>Computer Inquiry</i> Rules with	)	
Respect to its Broadband Services	)	
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Petition of BellSouth Corporation for	)	
Forbearance Under Section 47 U.S.C.	)	
§ 160(c) from Title II and <i>Computer</i>	)	
<i>Inquiry</i> Rules with Respect to Its	)	
Broadband Services	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted:** July 28, 2006

**Released:** July 28, 2006

By the Chief, Competition Policy Division:

1. On June 13, 2006, July 13, 2006, and July 20, 2006, Qwest Corporation and Qwest Communications Corporation (jointly, Qwest), AT&T, Inc. (AT&T), and BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth), respectively, filed petitions for forbearance, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c), seeking relief from Title II and *Computer Inquiry* rules with respect to certain broadband services.<sup>1</sup> On July 19, 2006, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a public notice establishing a comment date of August 3, 2006, and a reply date of August 18, 2006 for the Qwest and AT&T petitions.<sup>2</sup> On July 21, 2006, the Bureau issued a public notice establishing identical comment and reply dates for the BellSouth

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<sup>1</sup> Qwest Petition for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and *Computer Inquiry* Rules with Respect to Broadband Services, WC Docket 06-125 (filed June 13, 2006); Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and *Computer Inquiry* Rules with Respect to Broadband Services, WC Docket 06-125 (filed July 13, 2006); Petition of BellSouth Corporation for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and *Computer Inquiry* Rules with Respect to Its Broadband Services, WC Docket 06-125 (filed July 20, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> See *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Qwest and AT&T Petitions for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and Computer Inquiry Rules with Respect to Broadband Services*, WC Docket No. 06-125, Public Notice, DA 06-1464 (rel. July 19, 2006).

petition and asking parties commenting on multiple petitions to file one set of comments.<sup>3</sup> On July 26, 2006, and July 27, 2006, COMPTTEL and the Embarq Local Operating Companies (Embarq), respectively, filed motions asking the Commission to extend the comment period on the AT&T, BellSouth, and Qwest petitions to August 20, 2006, for comments and September 5, 2006 for replies.<sup>4</sup> COMPTTEL and Embarq state that an extension is necessary to review and prepare comments appropriate to the issues presented in the petitions.

2. We grant in part and deny in part the COMPTTEL and Embarq motions. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.<sup>5</sup> However, as COMPTTEL and Embarq point out, the forbearance petitions seek broad relief to the regulations affecting broadband service competition.<sup>6</sup> We therefore extend the comment date until August 17, 2006, and the reply comment date until August 31, 2006. We believe the revised comment period provides sufficient time for parties to prepare comments and replies appropriate to the issues raised in the petitions. We therefore deny COMPTTEL's and Embarq's motions to the extent they seek extensions beyond August 17, 2006 for comments and August 31, 2006 for replies.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by COMPTTEL and the Motion for Consolidation and Extension of Time filed by Embarq are GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART, as specified above.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Renée R. Crittendon  
Chief, Competition Policy Division

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<sup>3</sup> See *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on BellSouth Petition for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Title II and Computer Inquiry Rules with Respect to Broadband Services*, WC Docket No. 06-125, Public Notice, DA 06-1490 (rel. July 21, 2006).

<sup>4</sup> COMPTTEL Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 06-125 (filed July 26, 2006); Embarq Motion for Consolidation and Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 06-125 (filed July 27, 2006). Embarq also requests that we consolidate its petition in WC Docket No. 06-125 with the same comment cycle. We note that today we issued a Public Notice in WC Docket No. 06-147 inviting comment on the Embarq petition, which establishes the identical comment cycle in WC Docket No. 06-125.

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

<sup>6</sup> COMPTTEL Motion at 2; Embarq Motion at 2.