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**PAETEC Commends the Competitive Industry, Consumer Advocates,  
and Regulatory Commissions for Diligent Work on Forbearance**

**FAIRPORT, N.Y. (December 18, 2007)** – In two recent decisions, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) denied an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier's petition for regulatory forbearance under the Telecommunications Act, and opened a proceeding to review the forbearance process altogether.

PAETEC would like to cite its appreciation for the time invested by key participants in the telecommunications industry. Organizations such as COMPTTEL, XO Communications, Cavalier Telephone & TV, and McLeodUSA; the state regulatory commissions who participated in the proceeding, such as the California Public Utilities Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; as well as the consumer and business advocacy groups, such as the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, and the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association were solid in their advocacy in what became a contentious public policy debate.

PAETEC would also like to compliment the FCC, specifically the Wireline Competition Bureau, for pouring through volumes of documents and pleadings and bridging widely divergent positions.

“PAETEC is very appreciative of the work done by its partner competitive advocates in the past few months. While PAETEC believes in the objectives set forth in many deregulatory initiatives, the FCC's Verizon forbearance decision and its recent Notice asking for the industry to help it analyze the forbearance process send clear signals that forbearance is a tool that must be used carefully and wisely,” said JT Ambrosi, PAETEC's vice president of carrier and government relations. “We at PAETEC look forward to working with all interested parties in helping the FCC formulate a future plan of action on forbearance that makes both prudent policy and common sense.”

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