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James Henry to Moderate Panel Discussion at COMPTEL Spring Conference

Bank Street Senior Managing Director to Moderate "Grand Theft Copper" Panel

STAMFORD, CT – March 11, 2013 – James Henry, Senior Managing Director and co-founder of Bank Street Group LLC will moderate and lead the panel discussion entitled "Grand Theft Copper" at the [COMPTEL PLUS Spring 2013 Conference & Expo](#) at the Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas on Tuesday, March 12th.

The panel will address the active initiatives by the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to accelerate the retirement of their legacy copper networks in order to migrate to next generation fiber or wireless. These initiatives could potentially have a significant impact on competitive providers that rely on copper for last mile access to serve their customers. Panelists will discuss the range of legal and regulatory options available to combat these tactics by the ILECs, as well as potential alternative network infrastructure solutions from cable, fiber and fixed wireless companies.

"Copper Retirement is a topic that has potentially sweeping implications for competitive carriers that rely upon the copper networks of incumbent telcos such as AT&T and Verizon to deliver broadband and voice services to end users," said Mr. Henry. "COMPTEL is a premier organization within the telecom industry and I'm gratified to have been selected as a panel moderator to discuss this important industry topic."

Panel speakers will include Mike Robinson, President & CEO of Broadview Networks; Andrew Lipman, Partner of Bingham McCutchen; Margi Shaw, President of First Communications; and Nancy Lubamersky, Vice President - Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives of TelePacific Communications. The panel discussion will take place on Tuesday, March 12th at 9:00 AM in Pinyon Ballroom 1.

James Henry is a co-founder and senior managing director of Bank Street Group LLC and has been actively involved in the communications infrastructure and services (CIS) sector for more than a decade. Henry leads Bank Street's CIS Investment Banking team, which counts AboveNet, Black Rock Cable, First Communications, Hibernia Networks and IP Networks among its roster of clients and transactions executed in the fixed-line competitive carrier sector. Prior to Bank Street, Henry was a senior managing director at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., where he served as the senior research analyst responsible for the telecom and internet service and infrastructure sectors. Henry has spoken at major industry conferences, testified before Congress on communications sector matters, and been quoted in national publications such as *Business Week* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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