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April 5, 1999

The Honorable Craig Glazer, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
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Dear Chairman Glazer:

I am writing to encourage the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to support the stipulated settlement agreement regarding the Ameritech-SBC merger. As you are aware this agreement was negotiated and agreed to by PUCO Staff, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, Time-Warner and CoreComm.

The stipulated settlement agreement ensures that the Ameritech-SBC merger will be good news for Central Ohio. As a member of the Columbus City Council, I believe it is vital that Columbus receive first class telecommunications service. The Ameritech-SBC settlement agreement clearly illustrates that our region will remain on the leading edge of technology.

I am most pleased that the stipulated agreement guarantees that everyone will enjoy the benefits of this important merger. The funding for Community Computer Centers, a Consumer Education Fund and a Community Technology Fund will ensure that everyone has access to the benefits of the Information Age. Also, the extension of the USA program is vital for many Columbus residents to have the lifeline that local telephone service provides.

Based upon the guarantees provided by the stipulated settlement agreement, I strongly urge the PUCO to support the Ameritech-SBC merger and for the Federal Communications Commission to quickly follow suit with their support as well.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Habash, President Pro-Tem  
Columbus City Council

cc: William Kennard, FCC

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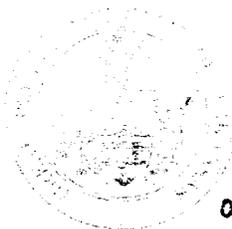


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April 7, 1999

The Honorable William E. Kennard,  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

As your agency considers the proposed merger of Ameritech and SBC Communications, please allow me to add my voice to those calling for your support of this merger.

I agree that the merger makes sense from a business and economic perspective. I also concur that it will help to bring about widespread competition that we all so eagerly await. Yet, these are not my primary reasons for supporting this merger. I do so because of the tremendous record of corporate citizenship that these two firms have compiled over the years.

Both SBC Communications and Ameritech have gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote the quality of life in the communities they serve. Whether one is viewing corporate philanthropy, involvement in community causes, workforce diversity, vendor diversity, or progressive personnel policies, these firms are among the top tier of American industry. Quite frankly, some of their major competitors, particularly those who are newer to the industry, don't seem to put as high a priority on these issues.

One of the best reasons to approve this merger as soon as possible is so that two progressive regional companies can combine to create a progressive global firm. I believe that this will help inject a new level of corporate responsiveness into the

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telecommunications industry, and I believe that this is precisely the kind of goal that the Federal Communications Commission would be seeking.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Wilson, Chairman  
Insurance & Commerce Committee

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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing in reference to CC Docket #98-141 the proposed Ameritech merger with SBC. Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) is the state's largest business organization, with over 4,600 members that employ over 500,000 people. As such, I am encouraged by the opportunities for new choices and better services this proposed union will offer. WMC believes it could benefit Wisconsin in many ways, including:

- We have learned from experience that most mergers help serve customers better. We believe the Ameritech/SBC merger will give the combined company the size and strength it needs to compete against larger national players, while growing its presence in Wisconsin, and providing enhanced customer service.
- The merger of Ameritech and SBC will expand their reach in the telecommunications industry, and better enable them to serve many of our members who are expanding business here and elsewhere. Companies of national and international scope want to deal with suppliers who can and will serve them anywhere. This merger will create such an alternative.
- Because this merger is one of several now pending in the telecommunications industry, the joining of Ameritech and SBC will spur increased local competition, while proving to be beneficial from an innovation and service quality standpoint as well.

WMC supports the proposed merger between Ameritech and SBC, which makes good sense for business customers. We urge you to give this proposed merger your full consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jim Haney*  
James S. Haney  
President

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April 7, 1999

Chairman William Kennard  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing you to inform you of my support for the proposed merger between SBC and Ameritech. I am excited about the opportunities for new choices and better services that this merger should bring to the customers of both companies, especially here in Arkansas.

This merger should make both companies stronger and allow them to utilize their resources in ways that will be of benefit to the type of constituents that I serve; rural, low-income, and seniors. It should allow them to keep basic phone service at a rate that is affordable to all and to develop service offerings designed to help the low-income and the elderly.

Rural areas are also in need of the latest technological advances so that we can compete or at least stay even with urban areas as we approach the next century. These advances are needed "now" and not years after urban areas have realized their benefits. The union of these two companies can only strengthen SBC's long term commitment to spend the required dollars in technologically underserved communities.

I say "yes" to this merger and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Lindbergh Thomas*  
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cc: Senator Tim Hutchinson  
Congressman Jay Dickey

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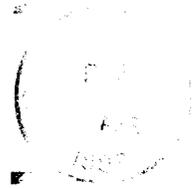


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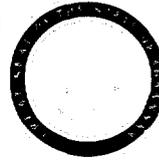


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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing in support of the proposed merger of SBC and Ameritech. I have carefully reviewed the issues and think that the combination of these two companies and the resources that they will have will benefit all that reside in the area serviced by both companies.

The facts indicate that this merger will create more jobs, improve technology, generate more dollars spent with businesses owned by minorities, women and disabled veterans and should help underserved communities get modern technology faster.

I represent an area of this state that is called the "Arkansas Delta". In order for us to compete with the rest of this state and country, we must have the support of companies like Southwestern Bell and the issues that they stand for. This merger can only help low-income rural areas like the Delta.

I urge you to work to ensure that this merger is allowed to take place.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Sincerely,

Arnell Willis  
State Representative

cc: Senator Blanche Lincoln  
Congressman Marion Berry

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