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September 21, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: Ex Parte Notice

CC 98-141 In the Matter of Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations from Ameritech Corporation, Transferor, to SBC Communications Inc., Transferee

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 21, 1999, Debbie Goldman and George Kohl of the Communications Workers of America met with Chairman William Kennard and Kathryn Brown, chief of staff, to discuss the SBC-Ameritech merger. They encouraged expeditious approval of the merger, given the significant benefits for workers and consumers that will result. They also discussed SBC's commitment in the merger conditions to these consumer and worker benefits: 1) deployment of advanced services in rural and low-income urban wire centers; 2) investment in 30 out-of-region markets, enhancing consumer choice and creating thousands of good jobs; 3) improved Lifeline, no minimum monthly charge on long distance services, and additional service quality reporting; and 4) delivery of high-quality advanced services by skilled, career technicians and customer service employees, with adequate safeguards in place to ensure non-discrimination.

Sincerely,



Debbie Goldman, Research Economist
Research and Development Department

cc: Chairman William Kennard
Kathryn Brown

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