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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-167

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Indiana State AFL-CIO, a federation of approximately 800 local unions in Indiana belonging to 50 International Union, I would like to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to permit SBC to offer long distance service in Indiana.

SBC is a good corporate citizen in Indiana and a valued employer in our community. At a time when some other major telecommunications companies are running afoul of the law, SBC provides not only essential telecom services and consistently high quality service to competitors and business and residential customers - but also civic leadership.

Indiana consumers, including our 450,000 members around the state, work hard and deserve the same level of competition in long distance that citizens of more than 40 other states already have been allowed to enjoy.

We know that fair competition benefits the consumer. We have had a competitive local telecom market for some time. We hope the FCC will allow us to benefit from the same kind of choices in long distance that we already have in local telephone service.

We hope that the FCC will approve SBC's long distance application for Indiana - without further delay - because of the many benefits it will bring Indiana's working families.

Sincerely,

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