

Regions Financial Corp.

March 2, 2005

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

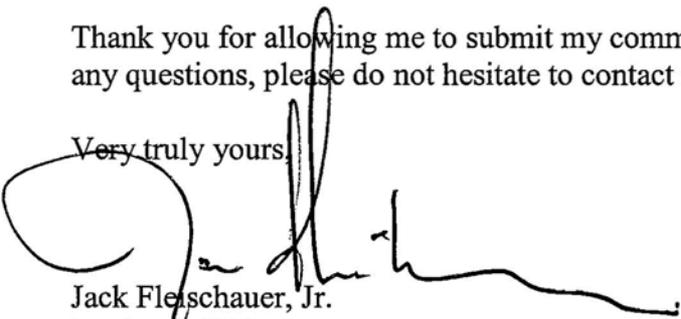
I offer this letter in support of the proposed merger between Alltel and Western Wireless. In my capacity as a Regional CEO for Regions Financial Corporation with the responsibility of our banking operation in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, I am very familiar with Alltel and their significant contributions to our region.

It is our understanding that the merger will expand the combined company's footprint to 33 states, eliminating roaming costs in many rural areas, and increasing the number of in-market mobile phone users that customers can call for free. Our banking franchise is made up of both urban and rural markets, and this merger should be a benefit to both.

It is my belief that strong competition is the cornerstone of the American free enterprise system; therefore, this merger should allow the combined companies to compete more effectively with the larger national players in the marketplace.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 501-371-3390.

Very truly yours,



Jack Fleischauer, Jr.
Regional CEO

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