



April 14, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 05-65; SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp.
Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As the leading economic development organization in Northern Nevada, today I write to offer my support of the proposed merger of SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corporation.

It would seem that a company with the history and great customer base of AT&T combining with SBC's creativity and innovation can only improve economic development and serve customers better. SBC has been a strong partner in economic development and working to maintain and improve the quality of life in our region.

I trust you will concur the merger is in the best interest of the public and should be handled expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Chuck Alvey, President and CEO
Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada