

April 19, 2005

To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

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

I represent several thousand seniors across the state of Missouri in my role as President of the Missouri Silver Haired Legislature. We are an advocacy organization supporting legislation and other matters that would benefit the Missouri senior population.

The current senior population has grown up trusting SBC (before divestiture The Bell System) and AT&T. Since neither system has the assets and expertise necessary to have a national broadband network, the union of these two would be the most logical way to ensure a strong and vibrant industry. Joining these two could enhance competition. With this merger, seniors could enjoy exploring new technologies at a lower cost.

National security is a big concern for the senior population, it is felt that the merger will help keep America secure by ensuring that AT&T will be able to continue their quest in providing security telecommunications.

It is felt that this is a definite positive for senior citizens across Missouri and we firmly support this merger.