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

April 21, 2005

To Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter in support of the SBC/AT&T merger. The current situation of continually displaced traditional telecommunications services leads me to believe that this merger would be an ideal opportunity to enhance competition and advance public interest. The existence of separate local and long distance companies no longer benefits consumers. But neither SBC nor AT&T standing alone has the assets and expertise necessary to assemble a true nationwide end-to-end broadband network. Their union will allow beneficial vertical integration without diminishing vigorous horizontal competition. The merger of these two legacy carriers is the most logical and natural outcome to ensure a strong and vibrant industry.

SBC and AT&T have complementary strengths and product sets, and have focused on sales to different groups of customers. SBC is a financially strong provider of voice, data, broadband, and related services to consumers, businesses – especially small and mid-sized businesses – and wholesale customers, primarily on a local and regional basis in its 13-state region. SBC holds a 60% ownership interest in the largest U.S. wireless company, Cingular Wireless, and is one of the leading providers of residential broadband DSL services. At present, SBC is making a \$4 billion investment to implement its initial roll-out of next-generation video and other IP-based voice and data services to 18 million households within three years.

AT&T has a different focus. It provides a broad array of voice, data, and IP-based services to customers on its global and national IP-based networks. It has a presence in more than 50 countries, allowing it to compete for the business of the largest global enterprises. AT&T has been a leader in the development of innovative products through its AT&T Labs.

The combined SBC and AT&T will be a stronger and more enduring U.S.-based global competitor than either company could be alone, capable of delivering the advanced network technologies necessary to offer integrated, innovative high quality and

competitively priced telecommunications services to meet the national and global needs of all classes of customers worldwide. The combined company will have the resources, expertise, and incentive to adapt the sophisticated products that AT&T has developed for its enterprise customers to the needs of small and medium businesses and consumers, and the marketing expertise and infrastructure to reach those customers. The merger will ensure that AT&T, on which the government heavily depends for national security and other needs, remains a strong American company.

Indeed, the merger will produce a flagship U.S. carrier that will offer the most efficient, highest quality capabilities to government, business, and residential customers nationwide. Combining the two companies' core strengths will result in more investment in, and faster deployment, of innovative new technologies and services, and those services will benefit all customers, not just those now served by the legacy companies.

For the above reasons, I strongly feel that transfer applications should be approved expeditiously as this merger will not harm competition, and is in the interest of the national and global public. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JR' or 'Juan Rangel', written in a cursive style.

Juan Rangel
Chief Executive Officer