

April 22, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission

RE: Comments on the SBC and A.T. & T. merger application

To Whom It May Concern:

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which represents thousands of Kansas businesses on matters of vital concern to business and industry in our state, would urge your approval of the merger proposal before you from SBC and A. T. & T. Your prompt approval, coupled with issuing no requirements for the merger to proceed, would clearly be in the public's best interest.

SBC and A.T. & T. share an incredible legacy as telecommunication leaders, as well as being two businesses significantly affected by changes in their industry since the 1980's. Today, their proposed merger would bring together two companies with complementary strengths that would bring a vast array of telecommunications products and services to consumers, especially small and mid-sized businesses.

Thank you for including the strong support of the Kansas Chamber for the approval of the proposed merger of SBC and A.T. & T. during your deliberations on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lew Ebert
President & CEO