

April 22, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110  
Washington, DC 20002

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

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I write on behalf of the Bay Area Council in support of the proposed merger between SBC and AT&T.

The Bay Area Council is a business-sponsored, public-policy organization for the nine-county Bay Area. Founded in 1945, as a way for the region's business community to concentrate and coordinate their efforts, the Bay Area Council is widely respected by elected officials, policy makers and other civic leaders as the regional voice of business in the Bay Area.

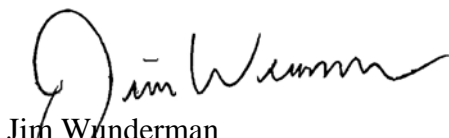
In recent years, the Bay Area has born witness to the fact that no industry has experienced such rapid change, in so short a time, as the global telecommunications industry. Companies in this industry need to move fast and adroitly adapt to change to stay relevant.

We view the merger of SBC and AT&T as an important next step in the evolution of the communications industry. The union creates a financially stable firm that can offer large corporate and government customers superior telecommunications services across technologies and around the globe. SBC and AT&T previously operated primarily in complementary sectors, making this merger a particularly synergistic fit, meeting the needs of a changing industry.

I would add that SBC has been a leading good corporate citizen in the Bay Area. Through generous donations of time and money, they support numerous charitable groups and foundations. They play an active role in groups working to improve the conditions of Bay Area residents, and are a company you can count on for help in times of need.

The merging of SBC and AT&T will benefit the Bay Area, California, and the United States as a whole. It is good for consumers and good for businesses and I urge you to approve the merger expeditiously and without conditions.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Wunderman  
President & CEO, Bay Area Council