

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

April 22, 2005

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

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Dear Secretary Dortch;

Speculation and debate have started on the ramifications of the proposed merger of SBC Communications and AT&T. Much of the early response acknowledges that the market has changed significantly and both players are considerably different companies than they were at the time of the 1984 AT&T divestiture.

Still, some regulators and consumer advocates have questioned whether this deal is in the public interest, candidly wondering whether it will merge too much market power in the hands of one company and lead to higher prices and less choice.

Everyone needs to calm down. There are clear reasons why this merger would probably be good for consumers and investors alike. Regulators and elected officials ought to stay as far away from this development as the law allows. As the merger does not appear to be a violation of antitrust law, the Department of Justice should allow the merger to proceed.

Twenty-one years later, the telecommunications landscape has changed radically. New telecommunications providers have developed around the nation, and the explosion of cellular phones and the Internet have allowed innovations in voice and information services that were unthinkable in 1984. Other potential mergers in the works for the telecommunications industry include Sprint and Nextel, and a possible Verizon-MCI merger. Meanwhile, new companies like IDT offer traditional phone service, while companies such as Vonage offer new Voiceover Internet Protocol services. Let's give SBC-AT&T a fair chance!

Grover Norquist, a taxpayer advocate said, "consumers have more choice than ever before when it comes to telecommunications; the best thing for the government to do is to allow the free market to do its work, to benefit the consumers." And I agree with Mr. Norquist.

Allowing the SBC-AT&T merger to go forward will benefit consumers and the entire American technology industry. As a consumer I see great value in this merger; and I

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am counting on you to see the value for the consumer and the investors that will benefit from the SBC-AT&T merger.

Sincerely,

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A Loyal SBC-AT&T Consumer