

April 21, 2005

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

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

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing in support of the proposed merger of SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp.

A strong, diversified, and stable telecommunications infrastructure is critical to economic competitiveness in the global marketplace. The federal government recognized this fact when it divested the Bell System in 1984. That divestiture has been enormously successful in stimulating technological advance and innovation in the communications and information technology marketplace.

Allowing the merger of SBC and AT&T would strengthen that system further by providing a stable nationwide broadband network without diminishing the vigorous competition within the communications marketplace provided by the various intermodal networks like wireless and cable.

SBC and AT&T have complementary strengths and product sets, and have focused on sales to different groups of customers. Combining the strengths of both companies would create a strong, U.S.-based company 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. Indeed, this merger has the potential to create a flagship U.S. carrier that will offer the most efficient, highest quality capabilities to government, business, and residential customers nationwide.

Far from hampering competition this merger will contribute to a stronger information technology marketplace both domestically and globally. As such, I urge your prompt approval of this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Sheehy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Sheehy, President

Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce