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April 25, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

I write to you today as President and CEO of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, a business membership association serving over 1,000 businesses in the greater Bridgeport Region. Our work, in addition to providing an array of services to our member companies, has been concentrated in the area of economic development and growth in our region with a primary concentration on the central city.

For a number of years, SBC has worked with the Bridgeport Regional Business Council in Board of Directors capacity, serving on legislative and technology committees, sponsors of many projects, and organizations to assist in revitalizing the central city.

The Bridgeport Regional Business Council supports the merger of SBC and AT&T. Having access to the latest products and services is critical to the economic stability and growth of our State. Telecommunications plays a critical role in our companies' keeping a competitive edge. With this merger, two innovative companies coming together will speed critical products and services to market – something we surely welcome.

SBC's strong commitment to the greater Bridgeport community can only increase with the merger of ATT. We strongly support this merger and the benefits it will bring to the city, region, and State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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