



**Hispanic-American Business
and
Professional Women's
Association
P.O. Box 2064**

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
c/o Natek, Inc.
126 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Hispanic-American Business and Professional Women's Association (HABPWA) supports the merger of AT&T and SBC because of its benefits to businesses and consumers. Joining these companies will at last, bring some stability to the telecommunications business. Investor uncertainty and limited business plans will be a distant memory as the combined company turns its focus to expanding the American businesswoman's reach into markets and households around the globe. That is good news for the members of HABPWA.

Just as HABPWA is focused on building opportunities and growing communications between its members, we believe the new AT&T/SBC will have the same commitment to expanding its network and operations as only the combined company could do. Their strength and financial stability will usher in new products and services at lower prices for businesses and consumers.

HABPWA strongly endorses the merger of AT&T and SBC.

Sincerely,

Carmen Velazquez
HABPWA President