

Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC

I am pleased to provide this email in support of the SBC acquisition and merger of ATT (Docket 05-65--SBC Communications and ATT Corp Application for Approval or Transfer of Control). As a higher education administrator of a university, located in rural America, I know the challenges of providing the same benefits for students in less-populated areas, as in the large cities. This acquisition will provide the opportunity for more equitable learning experiences across our great land. Education is no longer simply geographically based. Global teaching and learning as a result of distance learning technologies bring even the wheat fields of Kansas to the rice patties of China. The FCC's efforts to equalize the playing field is much appreciated. I support this merger.

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