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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice In the Matter of SBC Communications Inc. and
AT&T Corp. Transfer of Control Applications – WC Docket No. 05-65

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Derek Dickinson, Jacob Guzman, Thomas Hughes, and Bradley Thompson of SBC Communications Inc. (“SBC”); Jeffrey Blumenfeld and Valerie Hinko of Crowell & Moring LLP; and Richard Firestone and I of Arnold & Porter LLP participated in a conference call on behalf of SBC with Ben Childers, William Dever, Marcus Maher, Pamela Megna, Rodger Woock, and Paul Zimmerman of the Wireline Competition Bureau and James Bird, C. Anthony Bush, and Kent Nilsson of the Office of the General Counsel. During the conference call, we provided clarifications regarding Exhibits 3.a(3), 3.a(4), 3.a(5), 3.b(2), 5.a(1), and 5.a(2) in the Response of SBC Communications Inc. to Information and Document Request Dated April 18, 2005.

In addition, at the request of the staff, we provide the following definitions with respect to Exhibit 5.a(1):

FRAME RELAY is a fast packet-switching technology that customers can use to build a fully scalable network that can evolve as business needs change, which provides an ideal method for interconnecting LANs over a WAN. Frame Relay technology is designed to provide high throughput and low delay as a WAN, and it delivers the high-speed transport and bandwidth on demand needed for successful LAN interconnection. Frame Relay is designed for data applications with bursty data characteristics. Data from upper-layer protocols is encapsulated and transported in variable length frames. Frame Relay is ideal for high-speed data traffic such as Internet access, e-mail applications, LAN-to-LAN, WAN, and SNA transport. It offers scalable access speeds ranging from 56 Kbps to DS3.

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Multi-service Optical Network (“MON”) service provides high volume optical transport utilizing multiplexing technology in a point-to-point configuration. Multiple data signals are transmitted over fiber optic cable using different wavelengths of light. Each of these wavelengths represents a transmission channel in the MON system and is protocol independent of every other channel in the system. MON service can be used to extend customer networks to off-site locations. These include, but are not limited to, disaster recovery, Storage Area Networking connections (“SANS”), data center mirroring, and mainframe-to-mainframe communications. MON service offers up to 320 Gbps (protected) or 640 Gbps (unprotected) of dedicated DWDM capacity in ring architecture. Dedicated DWDM nodes transport up to 32 lambdas on a single pair of fibers with a diverse path in a ring configuration. Customers can utilize two types of nodes, central office nodes and customer premises nodes, with a maximum of eight nodes. The minimum configuration would consist of a two-node solution. Universal ports are capable of supporting a variety of speeds up to 2.5 Gbps and are located at the ends of lambdas. Lambdas can be lit up to carry the following data services to each port on the node of the ring: Dedicated SONET (155 Mbps to 10 Gbps); Gigabit Ethernet; Fast Ethernet 100BaseT; 10 Gigabit Ethernet (“WAN-PHY”); 10 Gigabit Ethernet (“LAN-PHY”); Fibre Channel (“FC”); ESCON; FICON; and D1 Video.

Program Audio Channel denotes a channel for the transmission of audio signals. The nominal bandwidths are from 50 to 15,000 Hz, from 200 to 3500 Hz, from 100 to 5000 Hz, or from 50 to 8000 Hz.

ReliaNet is one of a family of Synchronous Broadband Network Services (“SBNS”). The basic structure of the ReliaNet service revolves around interoffice facilities (“IOF”). The network consists of central offices (called nodes), which are equipped with the SONET transmission equipment necessary to produce the bandwidth to transport a variety of access services. A ring network service connects two customer-designated premises or a customer-designated premises and a hub office. If traffic is blocked in one direction of the ring (e.g., due to facility failure), it is automatically rerouted in the other direction. ReliaNet offers the following features: SONET-based transmission offering speeds of 1.5 Mbps through 622 Mbps; multiplexing of lower-speed signals, such as DS0 and DS1, allowing them to be transmitted over optical systems; and facility redundancy and fault tolerance in the event of a single facility or equipment failure.

Self-Healing Transport Network (“STN”) is a service that provides customers that have large volume networks with self-healing and signal-duplication capabilities. STNs provide the platform for protection and continuity of a

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customer's high-speed information transmission. They also provide flexibility, allowing customers to shift their transmission loads elsewhere when needed. This service provides for premises-to-premises or premises-to-hub arrangements to connect to other access services with transmission speeds of 1.544 Mbps through 2.488 Gbps and offers dedicated digital transport from three or more customer-specified STN access nodes.

Video Channel denotes a channel for the transmission of a standard 525 line/60 field monochrome or National Television Systems Committee color video signal and one or two associated 15 kHz audio signals. The bandwidth for a video channel is either 30 Hz to 4.5 MHz or 30 Hz to 6.6 MHz.

Wide Area Telephone Service ("WATS") is a toll service (analog voice based) offering for customer dial-type telecommunications between a given customer [user] station and stations within specified geographic rate areas employing a single access line between the customer [user] location and the serving central office. Each access lines may be arranged for either outward ("OUT-WATS") or inward ("IN-WATS") service, or both, ranging in bandwidth approximately from 300 Hz to 3000 Hz.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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