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VIA E-MAIL

August 18, 2005

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

**RE: Ex Parte Notice. WC Docket No. 05-65. In the Matter of Application for
Transfer of Control Filed by SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp.**

On August 17, 2005, Debbie Goldman, Research Economist with the Communications Workers of America (CWA) met with Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein.

Ms. Goldman discussed reasons that the AT&T – SBC merger serves the public interest. It will result in a financially stronger company; speed the transition from legacy networks to next-generation IP-enabled end-to-end networks and services; preserve good jobs and a skilled, career workforce in the industry providing quality service to customers; and it poses no harm to competition. Ms. Goldman urged expeditious approval of the merger.

Ms. Goldman pointed out that stand-alone long-distance is a dying business, and by all measures – revenues, profits, employment -- AT&T is in rapid decline. Over the past five years, consumer revenue declined 64 percent, profits dropped \$22.5 billion, and occupational employment declined 66 percent or 27,000 jobs. The merger is necessary to reverse that decline, and preserve good jobs in the industry.

Ms. Goldman distributed a CWA report previously entered into the record in this proceeding, “SBC/AT&T Merger is Good for Employees and Consumers,”

Sincerely,

Debbie Goldman, Research Economist
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cc: Scott Bergmann