

September 13, 2005

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: SBC/AT&T Application - WC Docket No. 05-65; Verizon/MCI
Application - WC Docket No. 05-75

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Alliance for Competition in Telecommunications hereby submits for the record in the above-referenced proceedings the results of a survey recently completed of the "Views of The Proposed AT&T/SBC and MCI/Verizon Mergers: From the Perspective of Fortune 1000 AT&T and MCI Customers". The survey is of a sample of large enterprises that currently subscribe to AT&T and MCI telecommunications services and was conducted over the past two months by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis at the University of Connecticut, an independent and well-respected survey research organization. The survey results demonstrate that these business customers largely believe that if the proposed mergers are consummated, they will see higher rates, less innovation, and poorer customer service. More specifically, the survey shows:

1. The salience of these merger developments is extremely high. Nearly all Fortune 1,000 telecommunications managers who are customers of AT&T and/or MCI are aware of the proposed mergers and the current government review of them.
2. Telecommunications managers in the study overwhelmingly believe (85%) that the recent experience of increased competition in the telecommunications industry has been very beneficial for their companies.
3. Among telecommunications managers in the study that have an opinion, they believe – by a *two to one margin* – that their companies will be *worse off* if the

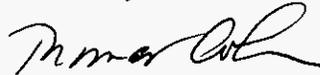
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mergers are consummated. They believe that the mergers would result in higher rates, reduced innovation, and diminution of customer service.

4. The assessment of telecommunications managers of the proposed mergers is serious enough that approximately two-thirds are concerned that post-mergers, rates will rise, quality will decrease, and competition will diminish in the industry.

We believe this survey is the only filing in these dockets that seeks to determine systematically and independently whether enterprise customers believe that the proposed telecom mega-mergers are in the public interest. As such, we believe that the attached University of Connecticut survey provides critical evidence for the Commission to consider in reaching its decision.

Sincerely,



Thomas Cohen
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Attachment: Views of The Proposed AT&T/SBC and MCI/Verizon Mergers: From the Perspective of Fortune 1000 AT&T and MCI Customers, Conducted by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis at the University of Connecticut, September 2005

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