



October 24, 2005

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of SBC/AT&T Applications for Approval for Transfer of Control, WC 05-65; and  
In the Matter of Verizon/MCI Applications for Approval for Transfer of Control, WC 05-75.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is filed in accordance with Commission rules. On October 21, 2005, Chuck Fast of Consolidated Telephone Company, Charlie Cooper of Telec Consulting Resources, Cheryl Parrino of Parrino Strategic Consulting, Joshua Seidemann of Kraskin, Moorman & Cossan, LLC and I spoke with Michelle Carey, Wireline Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin via conference call on issues related to the above dockets on behalf of the Rural Alliance.

We proposed several merger conditions to mitigate both IP and circuit-switched market power abuse by SBC and Verizon post-merger and expressed that without such conditions the mergers of SBC/AT&T and Verizon/MCI should not be approved.

These proposed merger conditions are available as a separate attachment to this filing.

Sincerely,

Ken Pfister  
Vice President-Strategic Policy

Attachments