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REPLY TO COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

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The Concerned Mayors Alliance (“CMA”) herein replies in support of the Comments and Petitions by several businesses and organizations in opposition to the applications for consent to transfer control of licenses from BellSouth Corporation to AT&T, Inc.

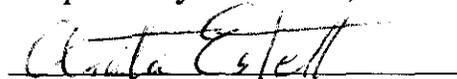
The CMA is an alliance of Mayors throughout the country concerned about telecommunications services provided to their constituents. The alliance promotes telecommunications policies that (1) provide equal access to services for all consumers regardless of race, income and geography; (2) allow constituents more choices when choosing a telecommunications provider; (3) encourage local government regulation of the telecommunications industry; and (4) enhance participation of small and minority businesses in the telecommunications sector.

The CMA filed a Petition To Deny with the Commission opposing transfer of control of licenses from BellSouth to AT&T. The CMA opposes this proposed merger because of concerns about redlining and disparity of services based on race, income and geography; dominance of the new telecommunications giant reducing competition; lack of support by the merging companies for longstanding national policies on network neutrality and local video franchising; and the negative impact on small and minority businesses.

The CMA supports the Comments and Petitions of businesses and organizations that have expressed similar and related concerns about these issues. The alliance fully supports the Comments of Fones4All Corporation, a minority-owned local exchange carrier, concluding that its business will be harmed and its low-income minority customers will be denied a true choice in local telephone service, unless protective conditions are imposed on the proposed merger. We also support the Comments by a group of telecommunications businesses, including Cbeyond, Grande Communications, NuVox Communications, Supra Telecom, Talk America, XO Communications, and Xspedius Communications. They conclude that stringent conditions must be placed on the proposed merger to offset its anticompetitive effects and harms to the public interest. In addition, the CMA supports the Petition to Deny by the Consumer Federation of America and other public interest groups concerned about the threat to network neutrality and other anticompetitive effects of the proposed merger.

Finally, the CMA hereby supplements its Petition to Deny with a declaration from Mayor Ray Nagin of New Orleans (see attached). Also, the CMA hereby reserves the right to respond to the reply and subsequent filings submitted by AT&T, Inc. and BellSouth Corporation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



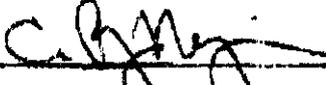
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DECLARATION

I, C. Ray Nagin, do hereby affirm and state as follows:

1. I am the Mayor of the City of "New Orleans, Louisiana" (the City).
2. I am a resident of the city. Telecommunications services of AT&T, Cingular and/or BellSouth are provided in my city.
3. The city I have been elected to serve has many citizens, governmental agencies, civic organizations, and local small businesses seeking access and expanded telecommunications industry opportunities. Part of my constituents live in historically, economically and geographically disadvantaged communities. As an elected official, my goal is to expand access for all residents and to increase the effective and efficient participation of small businesses as providers of telecommunications services and products.
4. I hereby certify that I have examined this Petition to Deny. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the claims, statements and other information contained herein are complete and accurate, and are made in good faith.

Signature: 

Executed on: 6-8-06

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Amrita Estell, hereby certify that I have this 20th day of June, 2006 caused a copy of the foregoing "Petition to Deny" in the AT&T/BellSouth proceeding to be delivered to the following:

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