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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication
In the Matter of Review of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corp. Application
for Consent to Transfer of Control, *WC Docket No. 06-74*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, July 20, 2006, James Cicconi, Senior Executive Vice President – External & Legislative Affairs and I met with Commissioner Michael Copps, Jessica Rosenworcel, Bruce Gottlieb, and Scott Deutchman, Commissioner Copps’ Legal Advisers, to discuss issues related to the aforementioned proceeding generally and the “net neutrality debate” specifically. During the course of that discussion, we reiterated that AT&T agreed last year to conduct business in a manner that comports with the principles enunciated in the Commission Policy Statement released September 23, 2005 (noting that recent merger participants made no similar commitments) and that AT&T’s commitment remains in effect through November 2007. We also explained that no entity has come forward in this proceeding or otherwise to assert any issues with respect to AT&T’s compliance with those voluntary conditions or raise any other actual issue involving AT&T’s conduct with respect to Internet service. We discussed the “net neutrality debate” generally as well as a paper by Professor Edward Felten which can be found at <http://itpolicy.princeton.edu/pub/neutrality.pdf>. We noted that, at a minimum, industry-wide issues such as these are best addressed in industry-wide proceedings rather than mergers.

One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules.

Sincerely,

cc: The Honorable Michael Copps
Jessica Rosenworcel, Sr. Legal Advisor
Scott Deutchman, Legal Advisor
Bruce Gottlieb, Legal Advisor