Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 3, 2006, Peter Healy, Regulatory and Legal Counsel, and Steve Pitterle, Manager - External Relations, TDS Metrocom, LLC, and the undersigned met via teleconference with Ian Dillner, Office of Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, concerning issues in the above-captioned proceeding. We presented the views summarized below.

TDS Metrocom, LLC, a member of the Telephone and Data Systems (TDS) family of companies, is a facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier that provides local, long-distance, and high-speed Internet services to residential and business customers in communities throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota. TDS Metrocom, LLC serves approximately 400,000 access lines.

TDS Metrocom, LLC fully supports the proposed conditions on any approval of the AT&T/BellSouth merger recently submitted by CompTel. Those conditions could help mitigate the harms that would otherwise result from the proposed merger. Any conditions imposed on the merger should apply across the AT&T and BellSouth regions and for the most part should have at least a five year duration.

While stressing its support for all of the conditions proposed by CompTel, the following proposed conditions are of particular concern for TDS Metrocom, LLC:

- No increases in state-approved monthly or nonrecurring UNE or collocation prices as of the merger closing date.
- The merged company shall not use the forbearance process to circumvent any existing or new merger conditions.
The merged companies shall not establish or retain local retail prices, including promotional prices, in any market that are below current UNE loop rates in that market.

Sincerely,

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