

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman  
Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner  
Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner  
Honorable Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners:

I was one of the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority who considered and ruled on Tennessee's approval of the merger between AT&T and BellSouth. We worked diligently to consider all issues involving this merger, and especially how such merger would affect Tennessee consumers.

We concluded that this transaction was good for Tennessee: good for jobs, good for consumers, and good for competition. After an extensive review of the issues by the Directors and our very able staff, the Authority voted to approve this transaction with no conditions.

Chairman Martin and Commissioners, I would strongly encourage the FCC to approve this transaction as soon as possible so that the real benefits of this merger flow to consumers in Tennessee.

In kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

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