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Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Access to broadband is of great concern to my membership, and I am writing in support of approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. I have been following the merger's progress and it is my understanding that this merger will serve the public interest and greatly benefit customers of the combined company.

I also understand the company has offered to reduce the price of residential broad band DSL and to deliver broadband to *all* residential units in its combined territory, including lower-income and rural areas. These commitments will help drive high-speed broadband availability.

I request the Commission to approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth promptly so that consumers can benefit as soon as possible from the broadband provisions this merger offers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ray Childers  
President/CEO

cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary

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