

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room TW-A325  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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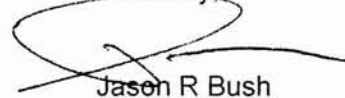
Re: WC Docket No. 06-74  
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to explain that I am concerned about the consequences of the proposed merger between AT&T and BellSouth. Applied Telcomm is worried about the combined companies incentive and opportunities to increase prices for services and decrease the quality of services we use to manage our business.

For example, Ethernet technology enhances our ability to manage communications between multiple locations and gives us the capacity and scalability we require to meet our business needs in a cost effective manner. In order to take advantage of the efficiencies of IP technology we require that our Ethernet service provider serve all or most of our customer locations. Unfortunately, the ILEC owns the only local transmission facilities serving our smaller locations. This makes it more difficult for Applied Telcomm to obtain competitive alternatives for Ethernet services. I urge the FCC to review the pending AT&T-BellSouth merger closely and to ensure that it does not harm the already limited competition in the provision business services, especially Ethernet services, available in the marketplace.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), one electronic copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

  
Jason R Bush

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