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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application for Consent to Transfer of Control Filed by AT&T, Inc. and
BellSouth Corporation, WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Chairman Martin:

Cisco Systems, Inc. respectfully urges the Commission to act expeditiously to conclude its deliberations on the above-reference transfer of control application. Although Cisco has not participated in this proceeding to date, we wish to draw the Commission's attention to the negative impact on network investment that the lengthy delay in the Commission's process has caused.

As the world's leading networking equipment supplier, Cisco is intimately familiar with the trends in network investment by major carriers globally. Cisco believes that the lack of a decision by the Commission in this matter has adversely affected broadband network investment by both applicants and their Cingular joint venture. The Commission has long recognized that broadband services, applications, and equipment are essential to the economic and social well-being of our nation. Delays in investments in broadband infrastructure harms consumers by limiting their service options and also harms the nation's international competitiveness by slowing improvements in our networks that are essential to maintaining our economic strength, standard of living and quality of life.

Additionally, changes in network investment caused by regulatory uncertainty or delays in regulatory decisionmaking have impacted the networking and telecommunications equipment industry in the past and are currently having an impact. Further delays in this matter will only continue the problem, which requires prompt action.

Cisco appreciates your attention to this important matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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