

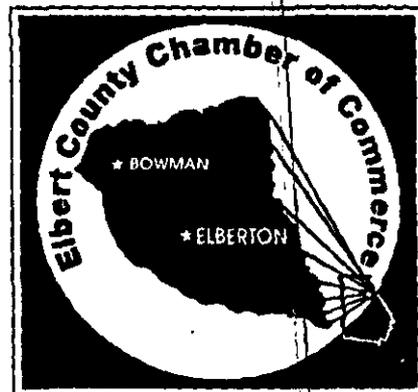
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October 20, 2006

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Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Our Chamber of Commerce in Elberton, Georgia has become very interested in many of the things being said about the AT&T-BellSouth merger. We have learned of the merger's broadband details, especially as they relate to our generally rural county.

The commitments that AT&T recently announced for much greater broadband affordability and availability would be especially beneficial to our residents in Elbert County. Today, approximately 30% of our residents have no access to broadband service of any type. Approval of the merger will address this critical need by offering inexpensive and widely available service.

It is my understanding that AT&T has proposed to the Commission a commitment to provide its dial access customers a free upgrade to DSL, including a free modem after the merger closing. I also understand the company has offered to reduce the price of residential broadband DSL to \$10 per month 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 usage and help close the digital divide in Elbert County between rich and poor, urban and rural.

I urge 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.

Sincerely,

Jim Lloyd

Chairman - Elbert County Chamber of Commerce

cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the East Athens Development Corporation of Athens, Georgia, I am asking for your quick approval of the merger of AT&T and BellSouth. This merger combines two of America's most respected companies, including BellSouth a long time supporter of our low to moderate income (LMI) community here locally.

As the chief executive of an organization which works to improve the quality of life for LMI-Americans in Athens, I believe the merger has the potential to provide great new benefits. For example, we understand that AT&T and BellSouth have discussed with the Commission precedent-setting merger conditions that are unmatched by any other communications provider. First, the newly merged company will offer \$10 broadband access to *all* residential customers within the new, combined company's service territory. Second, any current AT&T-BellSouth customer using dial-up service will be offered a free upgrade to DSL, including a free modem. Third, "stand-alone" DSL will be offered to customers at a competitive rate, thereby no longer requiring customers to also purchase voice service. Most importantly, AT&T and BellSouth have made a commitment to deploy high-speed Internet service to rural areas and lower-income living units. All of these provisions will have a tremendous positive economic impact for LMI Americans.

Please help grow economic opportunities and improve the quality of life of LMI Americans in Athens through affordable broadband services by supporting the AT&T / BellSouth merger. Thank you for your consideration of our letter.

Sincerely,

Winston Heard
CEO, East Athens Development Corporation -- Athens, Georgia

cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary
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October 12, 2006 07:23 PM

Commissioner Michael Copps
Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: No Ma Bell without Net Neutrality

Dear Commissioner Copps:

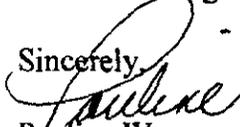
I am writing to register my strong opposition to the merger of AT&T and BellSouth without a permanent Network Neutrality requirement.

We are witnessing a wave of concentration in the telecommunications market that threatens to sweep away the free and open Internet. A nondiscriminatory platform for online communications and commerce has given us the greatest engine of democratic communication and entrepreneurial innovation in modern times. Permitting the further consolidation of the broadband market without meaningful, enforceable Net Neutrality protections would be irresponsible policymaking.

The federal government must not permit the reconstitution of Ma Bell without first protecting consumers and the public against anti-competitive activities and market failure. No public interest goals are served by handing out favors to large corporations without any safeguards to maximize public benefit.

The future of the Internet is at stake. I urge you to take this opportunity to serve the public interest by making nondiscrimination on the Internet a permanent condition of the AT&T-BellSouth merger.

Sincerely,


Pauline Warren

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Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce

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Dear FCC Commissioners:

As President of a small, rural Chamber of Commerce in Georgia, I am writing to urge your approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. I have learned of the merger's developments in the past few days and I am extremely pleased to hear many of the details.

The commitments that AT&T have recently announced for much greater broadband affordability and availability will most assuredly be of benefit to our residents in Jasper County. Today, approximately one third of our county residents have no access to broadband service of any type and this is of great concern to my membership. Every day, citizens come into my office and ask, "When will we get this type of service?" I can only respond with, "We are working to get this service to all of our residents." Approval of the merger will address this critical need by offering inexpensive and widely available service to our citizens.

I understand that AT&T has proposed to the Commission a commitment to provide its dial access customers a free upgrade to DSL, including a free modem after the merger closing. I also understand the company has offered to reduce the price of residential broadband DSL to \$10 per month 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 usage and help close the digital divide between rich and poor, urban and rural. Jasper County Georgia is comprised of all of these groups.

I urge 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.

Sincerely,


Nancy Arnold Wood

President

Monticello - Jasper County
Chamber of Commerce

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