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

In re: WC Docket No 06-74 (AT&T/BellSouth Merger) Ex Parte Filing

Dear Chairman Martin,

Although Corning has not participated in the above-referenced procedure to date, we are writing now to urge the Commission to conclude expeditiously its deliberations on the application for transfer of control filed by AT&T and BellSouth. Specifically, we are concerned that the uncertainty caused by delay could disrupt network investment and planning by our customers which, in turn, could adversely affect our manufacturing operations and the workers employed in our facilities.

As you know, Corning is the inventor and world's largest manufacturer of optical fiber and cable. We are also a leading manufacturer of hardware and equipment used in the passive outside plant for local access.

As a high-technology company, we invest over 10 percent of our sales in research and development. Since the issuance of the Triennial Review Order, we have invested heavily in the development of new products and innovations to increase the capacity and reduce the cost of next generation networks.

Like all manufacturers, Corning has to engage in careful planning of capacity in order to meet the demands of our customers and to maintain stable employment levels. We depend on our customers like AT&T and BellSouth to provide us with primary inputs for our planning purposes. Regulatory uncertainty could adversely affect a customer's ability to invest in and schedule its network deployments. This could have serious consequences on downstream suppliers like Corning and our employees.

We hope that the Commission will consider these factors in its deliberations on the pending application and act on it in a timely fashion.

Regards,

CC: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Aiello", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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