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October 18, 2007

The Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman
The Honorable Michael Copps, Commissioner
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein, Commissioner
The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
The Honorable Robert McDowell, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Dobson Communications Corp. Seeking
FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses, WT Docket No. 07-153

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the acquisition of Dobson Communications Corp. by AT&T Inc. I believe the two companies strongly complement one another, and operating as one entity, will improve efficiency and enhance technology for consumers in the Dobson service territory in our state which includes rural portions of northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

I also believe this purchase will enhance the wireless network in Michigan, provide more robust and reliable service and speed the deployment of technological infrastructure and products. This will prove especially helpful in overcoming technological barriers that now limit communication services for rural Michigan residents. The purchase will make wireless technology more accessible and affordable for consumer and will enhance economic development in our state by strengthening our communications infrastructure..

AT&T has long been known for its state-of-the-art networks. With the acquisition of Dobson Communications that expertise can now be used to create greater efficiencies that control costs and make the company more able to succeed in today's extremely competitive communications market. Moreover, the purchase will give customers of Dobson Communications access to AT&T's wireless rate plans and services, and the benefits that come from a worldwide network.

The array of benefits for wireless consumers, the potential for enhanced networks and the subsequent ability to enhance economic development in Michigan make the proposed acquisition a benefit for our state. I hope the Commission will take swift action to allow the citizens of Michigan to begin realizing these benefits.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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