



Greater Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce – Jefferson County Industrial Foundation – Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Port Authority  
Arkansas River Regional Intermodal Facilities Authority – The Bioplex

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65)*

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

First, let me thank you and the FCC for your tireless work on issues that are shaping the lives of all Americans and hopefully bringing about a brighter future for the next generation. I have the privilege of serving as president of the Economic Development Alliance of Jefferson County, Ark., and today would like to bring to your attention my support for activity that promotes economic growth.

Our organization was formed to unify community and economic development efforts in Pine Bluff and Jefferson County. As I understand it, the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA would provide new opportunities for businesses to grow throughout the country while also increasing the availability of mobile broadband services in Arkansas.

That would certainly improve the lives of Arkansans by bringing online increased high-speed Internet resources. It could also bring into the digital age many Arkansas people and businesses that would otherwise be left to compete in the global marketplace without the latest technology. Furthermore, it could go a long way toward transforming the struggling economies of rural communities across the country.

It seems that time and again rural and low-income areas face significant technological barriers, yet this deal between AT&T and T-Mobile sounds like it will help close the existing gap. By coming together these two companies can accomplish great economic benefit, and with the support of the FCC the businesses of rural Arkansas can achieve new heights.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Nisbett  
President and CEO

CC:  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker