

ATTACHMENT 3

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Order Instituting Investigation)	Case No.
on the Commission's Own Motion)	11-06-009
Into the Planned Purchase and)	
Acquisition by AT&T, Inc. of)	
T-Mobile USA, Inc., and Its)	
Effect on California Ratepayers)	
and the California Economy)	

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

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4 JUDGE MacDONALD: Okay. We'll be on the
5 record. Good evening. The Commission will come to
6 order.

7 This is the time and place set by the
8 California Public Utilities Commission for the next
9 Public Participation Hearing in I-11-06-009, the
10 investigation into the planned purchase and acquisition
11 of T-Mobile, Incorporated by new Cingular Wireless,
12 which is affiliated with AT&T, Incorporated, and its
13 affect on California rate-payers and the California
14 economy.

15 I am Administrative Law Judge Katherine Kwan
16 MacDonald. I have been assigned by the Commission to
17 preside over this Public Participation Hearing. Judge
18 Hecht is the assigned Administrative Law Judge to this
19 proceeding. My role here tonight is to ensure that a
20 fair hearing is conducted and to assist in the
21 development of a complete record which Judge Hecht will
22 utilize to prepare a proposed decision for the
23 Commission's consideration. With me is Commissioner
24 Sandoval, who is the assigned lead commissioner
25 responsible for this proceeding.

1 The Commission has scheduled this public
2 participation hearing here tonight to receive your
3 comments on the proposed purchase of T-Mobile by AT&T
4 Wireless. This is sometimes referred to as the proposed
5 merger between these companies.

6 Everyone wishing to express his or her views
7 will have an opportunity to do so. There is a court
8 reporter here with us this evening, and she will take
9 down everything that you say. It will become a part of
10 the record of this proceeding, and the Commission can
11 look at it when making a decision. Because of that, it
12 is important that you speak slowly and clearly. I won't
13 interrupt you, and we will be careful not interrupt or
14 speak over one another.

15 Before you begin speaking, please say your
16 name and spell it for the court reporter.

17 Everybody who would like to speak should sign
18 up with the Public Adviser's Office at the table just
19 outside this door. Marcus Nixon and Carl Devine are
20 sitting at that table.

21 In addition to making comments here tonight,
22 you can also write letters or e-mails to the Commission
23 about this case. Those letters and e-mails are also
24 being made available to the Commissioners and to Judge
25 Hecht.

1 If you prefer to write us and don't care to
2 speak this evening, the representatives at the back of
3 the room can provide you with an address to either send
4 a letter or an e-mail. And there are also Commission
5 informational hand-outs in both English and Spanish
6 available to you. The hand-out for writing to us looks
7 like this. It has the address, the e-mail address, and
8 the proceeding number.

9 In addition, we have some information about
10 where you can find more on this proceeding and a website
11 address for that, so those are outside at the Public
12 Adviser's table.

13 Lastly, at the Public Adviser's table is also
14 information about the public participation hearings.
15 The last public participation hearing in this
16 investigation will be held July 27th in Fresno. So if
17 you want to pass that information on, you're welcome to
18 do so, and there are sheets located at the back of the
19 room.

20 Commissioner Sandoval, would you like to make
21 some comments this evening?

22 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Thank you very much.
23 Is this on? Thank you. Is this on?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL: Can you hear me now?

1 We believe in competition, so --

2 Welcome to the California Public Utilities
3 Commission Public Participation Hearing regarding the
4 AT&T/T-Mobile merger. We are very, very excited and
5 happy to see so many of you here and to see about your
6 interest in this proceeding. We're very excited to
7 learn about what you have to say. Judge MacDonald and I
8 were talking about the fact that this is the proceeding
9 in which we have had the highest level of participation
10 by the public in many years, so we thank you very much
11 for your participation. I know you've taken time out of
12 your life to do this.

13 So I just want to say a couple words about why
14 we're here. The California Public Utilities Code is the
15 law which governs, not only the work of the California
16 Public Utilities Commission, of which I am a member -- I
17 am a commissioner appointed by Governor Brown -- but it
18 also governs the conduct and duties of utilities in the
19 state of California. We're familiar with the utility
20 bills we pay every day: Electricity, water, telephone,
21 including wireless telephone. The CPUC also has
22 jurisdiction over rail and rail crossings, so in many
23 ways, our work touches your lives. And of course,
24 wireless telecommunications has become a practicing
25 indispensable component for millions and millions of

1 Americans and millions and millions of Californians.

2 So that law, the California Public Utilities
3 Code, requires us to determine whether the merger of a
4 utility, including a telephone corporation, including a
5 wireless telephone corporation, is in the public
6 interest. That is the fundamental question that we are
7 here to analyze -- is whether or not this merger is in
8 the public interest.

9 Now, the statute, the law, California Public
10 Utilities Code Section 854, gives us certain specific
11 factors to analyze, so it's very helpful if your
12 comments can help us to address and analyze those
13 factors. This factors include the potential impact of
14 the merger on competition, right? On the ability of
15 other telephone companies to compete and just
16 competition generally, right? The effect of the merger
17 on service, and that is service to you, to the public.
18 The effect of the merger on employees. The effect of
19 the merger on communities, so we are here in this
20 beautiful community of San Diego to look at the effect
21 of this merger on communities. We've held similar
22 hearings in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and we'll be
23 going to the Central Valley, to Fresno, on Wednesday.
24 And then also, we look at the effect of the proposed
25 merger on California's economy, both short-term and

1 long-term. And finally, we also have to consider
2 whether there are any mitigating measures which could
3 address any potential concerns that might arise from
4 this merger.

5 So we look forward to your comments and thank
6 you dearly for your participation. Thank you very much.

7 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you, Commissioner.

8 In addition to the Commissioner, we have
9 several members of Commission staff here with us this
10 evening whom I would like to introduce: We have Marcus
11 Nixon, Carl Devine and Bruj Jimbagian (phonetic) from
12 the Commission's Office of the Public Adviser here this
13 evening. The Public Adviser's Office assists the public
14 in participating in our proceedings, so if you would
15 like more information about how you can actively
16 participate in this proceeding, how you can keep track
17 of this proceeding and find out news and information
18 about it, you should speak to the Public Adviser's
19 Office. They have some informational material that will
20 also help you understand some other proceedings that the
21 Commission does and keep you up to date about hearings
22 we might be holding in your area.

23 We have Phan Pinjeti (phonetic) and Rebecca
24 Lewis from the Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch.
25 The Consumer Affairs Branch can assist consumers who are

1 having problems with their utility bills and service,
2 and help consumers resolve complaints or disputes with
3 the utilities. Consumers who have tried but were not
4 successful in resolving complaints with their utilities
5 directly are invited to talk to the representatives here
6 tonight, and they may be able to assist you.

7 This hearing is your opportunity to make
8 statements of your views on the Commission's record.
9 Please note that this hearing is not a
10 question-and-answer session, but if there are questions
11 that arise, I'll make note of them. In general, my
12 practice has been to group questions together in groups
13 of about five questions and then take some time to
14 answer all the questions together.

15 There are representatives of both companies
16 here tonight. I know that the representative from
17 T-Mobile has to leave early this evening. If you have
18 questions for those companies, you might ask the Public
19 Adviser for contact information that they can get you in
20 touch with and AT&T, I believe, will be here the entire
21 evening.

22 I want to ensure that everybody who has a
23 statement has an opportunity to present it, so if the
24 answers that you hear trigger questions in your minds,
25 please write them down and give them to the Public

1 Adviser at the back of the room. He or she will see
2 that I get them, and I will try to see that they are
3 answered.

4 Also, if you have a question that is too
5 complex or requires some back-and-forth discussion, I
6 may ask you to talk with experts here this evening after
7 the session is over in order to avoid tying up the
8 reporter with too much technical information.

9 Before we begin, I would like to go over a few
10 rules for the hearing. As I said, we have a court
11 reporter here this evening, Mary Anne Young, who is
12 going to be preparing a transcript for the Commission's
13 use. That's a difficult task, so please speak clearly
14 and not too fast so that she can make an accurate record
15 of your statement.

16 Before each of you begins speaking this
17 evening, please state your name and then spell it so
18 that it will be accurately recorded, and the court
19 reporter will not have to stop you and make a comment to
20 get your name correctly recorded.

21 Please try to keep your statements reasonably
22 brief. Because of the number of people we have here
23 this evening, statements will be limited to about two
24 minutes. We have Rebecca who will be assisting us with
25 keeping time, so she will flash a card when you have one

1 minute left and then another one when your time is up.
2 When you see that red card, if you could just wind up
3 what you're saying, that would be very considerate and
4 helpful to us.

5 In general, we'll be hearing from speakers in
6 the order they have signed up. Again, everybody who
7 would like to speak must sign up with the Public
8 Adviser. They give me the list of speakers to call to
9 the podium.

10 Also, all participants are asked to disclose
11 whether they have received any money from a party, such
12 as AT&T or T-Mobile or represent an organization that
13 has received money, donations or grants from any party
14 in this proceeding. This is suggested in this
15 particular investigation and will help us put statements
16 in appropriate contexts.

17 With that long list of the rules, we are ready
18 to begin with your first speaker this evening, Faith
19 Bautista.

20 MS. BAUTISTA: Good evening.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: So Ms. Bautista is here with
22 a group, the Black Economic Council and also the
23 Asian --

24 MS. BAUTISTA: National Asian American
25 Coalition.

1 JUDGE MacDONALD: -- National American
2 Coalition. They've brought a large number of speakers
3 with us here this evening. In order to accommodate
4 their group, but also proceed in an order which is fair
5 to everyone who got here early this evening, they will
6 have about six speakers to begin with. They were here
7 first this evening. Faith will speak for three minutes
8 and then the remainder of their speakers will speak for
9 approximately 30 seconds each.

10 After the first six, we'll be jumping to the
11 public -- members of the public who got here early in
12 order to accommodate them, and then we will return to
13 Ms. Bautista's group. They will all speak, but they
14 will only be speaking for 30 seconds, so they'll be in a
15 group. They all got here basically at this point in the
16 list, and in exchange for speaking together, they'll be
17 speaking for a shorter amount of time. So it will be
18 approximately 25 minutes that they'll be speaking.
19 Okay.

20 MS. BAUTISTA: Great.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: Ms. Bautista?

22 MS. BAUTISTA: Well, thank you so much for
23 accommodating the whole group, and I would just ask all
24 the NAAC group to stand up.

25 Thank you all for coming.

1 Commissioner Sandoval, thank you so much for
2 this public hearing. You talk about public interests
3 and this is the reason why I invited the military, the
4 active military, the retired military, the business
5 owner, the youth, the senior citizen, the business
6 owners because this is really for public interest.

7 Public interest, to me, is the philanthropy,
8 creation of jobs, low income services, the refugees, the
9 students, all the Christian churches here, the senior
10 citizens, and what does it really do for them.

11 To me, CPUC should really encourage the
12 company, like AT&T who does all of these things that I
13 have mentioned. You will hear from everyone their dos
14 and don'ts and some positive and negative in encouraging
15 more of the PUC to really put this -- and when you
16 recommend it to FCC -- weigh what people really are
17 saying.

18 We talk about duopoly, and, yes, there will
19 always be a duopoly because this is a \$39 billion
20 merger, and Sprint is going -- I mean, T-Mobile will be
21 bought out anyway, because it's a -- it's a German
22 company, so who should buy it? And I feel like as an
23 experienced community organizer since 1986, I always
24 think of what do they do for the community. There's so
25 much billions of dollars at stake here. What would that

1 do to these people that are really making them richer
2 and richer, like who are they? Who is AT&T? Who is
3 T-Mobile?

4 What I have been experiencing since I've been
5 talking to so many consumers from San Francisco,
6 Los Angeles and San Diego, they really are concerned
7 about the advanced technology for the students that are
8 here today that they really rely on their smart phone as
9 their research and going -- I mean, this is their life
10 now. For the business owners, if you notice, they all
11 have their telephone. They cannot leave their
12 telephone. It's always with them. So it's that kind of
13 things that the telephone does now.

14 And what about the universal lifeline? Most
15 of the people that I've been speaking to do not have a
16 land line any more. Why can't we encourage AT&T and
17 T-Mobile to give benefits, especially for the retired
18 people that are here, to have that flat rate, transfer
19 what they're getting from the cell phone to land line?

20 And what about the people that are --
21 unfortunately, in San Diego there's a lot of casinos
22 so -- there's a lot of Indian reservations where most of
23 the people go to and their family cannot get a hold of
24 them. So I guess between that kind of communication
25 they really need and, again, thank you so much for

1 having all of us here. Thank you.

2 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

3 And that reminded me, if you do have a cell
4 phone on, if you could put it on silent, that would be
5 assisting us in this evening in moving this along.

6 Our next speaker is Yolanda Lewis.

7 MS. LEWIS: Hi. My name is Yolanda Lewis,
8 Y-o-l-a-n-d-a, L-e-w-i-s. I'm here representing myself
9 today, and I'm --

10 And I think that one of the key things that
11 I'd like to raise is the point that T-Mobile is going to
12 be sold, no matter how you look at. It's either going
13 to be AT&T or Sprint. And if you look at the history
14 and the past performance that AT&T has shown to the
15 community for job creation as well as for small
16 businesses, it's been stronger than any other
17 organization.

18 And if you look at what Sprint is asking them
19 to do, for example, as far as better leveraging the
20 spectrum, we need to take a look at what that really
21 means from a consumer perspective. If we take advantage
22 of the 2-G -- if we take advantage of the 2-G network,
23 that means that my father can't use his old flip phone
24 or he can't use his 999 phone plan. That means he has
25 his options taken away and he has to use a smart phone,

1 so please take a look at what these companies are
2 offering and how it impacts our community.

3 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

4 We'll hear from Shirley Horton next, followed
5 by Son Nguyen.

6 MS. HORTON: Thank you. Shirley Horton,
7 S-h-i-r-l-e-y, H-o-r-t-o-n.

8 I am a former member of the legislature and
9 former Mayor of Chula Vista, and currently, I'm working
10 as part of the management team for a large non-profit in
11 San Diego, and I also serve on several large -- boards
12 of directors for several non-profits in the area. And
13 I'm not representing them, I'm actually representing
14 South Bay Community Services.

15 But I did want to share with you that AT&T has
16 been an incredible corporate sponsor for many of the
17 organizations that I've been involved with, and so I
18 believe that that culture of giving will continue to
19 grow with AT&T.

20 Thank you.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

22 Son Nguyen followed by Renee Terain.

23 MR. NGUYEN: Hi. My name is Son Nguyen,
24 S-o-n, N-g-u-y-e-n. I'm here today in support of the
25 NAAC but also to represent the service disabled veteran

1 community. I'm the chapter president of the Inland
2 Empire elite as to the business network, and I'd like to
3 thank AT&T for their record in the support for the
4 services disabled veterans with the GO-156 here in the
5 state of California. I'd like to encourage that to
6 continue, but also in this merger with T-Mobile, which I
7 understand is -- does not have a very good record in the
8 minority community and small businesses also with the
9 service disabled veteran business.

10 I'd like to encourage that -- this merger
11 happens and hopefully that AT&T will definitely bring
12 that over to T-Mobile.

13 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

14 Renee Terain followed by Leon Cook.

15 MS. TERAİN: Good evening. My name is Renee
16 Lorena Terain, and it's spelled R-e-n-e-e, hyphen,
17 L-o-r-e-n-a, T-e-r-a-i-n. I'm CEO of Four Star
18 Wireless, also part of Faith's organization, and I'm
19 also part of the Board of Governors and Cofounder of the
20 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce here tonight as one of the
21 success stories for AT&T. I was welcomed into the
22 supplied diversity program and from there, I was
23 mentored and given a blueprint as to how to build my
24 company to where it is today. We're a young company.
25 We're two and a half years old, and as of that time, we

1 are now poised to receive a major contract from AT&T. I
2 could not have done that without AT&T's assistance. I
3 could not have done that without the mentorship of
4 Maryann Stroebel, Executive Director of that department,
5 and also Tim Harden, who is the President of Global feet
6 Organizations.

7 So as a female business owner and a Latina
8 business owner, I really want to recommend that we
9 support AT&T with this merger as a result of my
10 experience.

11 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker in Leon Cook.

13 MR. COOK: Thank you. My name is Leon Cook,
14 spelled L-e-o-n, C-o-o-k. I'm here in support of NAAC
15 and what they're doing in the community. Also as a
16 small business owner in California. I have supported
17 AT&T and I support what they're doing because of their
18 involvement with the community and small business and
19 I'd like to see them do more of that.

20 Particularly programs that allow small
21 businesses to partner with them and provide services to
22 small businesses, and also being able to help the
23 community in ways of having low income and moderate
24 income program for the cell phone programs.

25 Thank you.

1 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you, Mr. Cook.

2 We'll be returning to -- now we're going to
3 hear from the general public who are not affiliated with
4 the Asian Council or the Black Economic Council, so the
5 speaking time will be two minutes.

6 Our first speaker is Vince Mudd, and that will
7 be followed by Mike Whitton. And if the second speaker
8 could be prepared to come up so we can keep moving
9 quickly.

10 MR. MUDD: Thank you, Commissioner Sandoval
11 and Judge MacDonald. Vincent Mudd, V-i-n-c-e-n-t,
12 M-u-d-d. Thank you for taking the time to gather input
13 from San Diegans reporting the pros AT&T merger
14 T-Mobile.

15 My name is Vincent Mudd. I'm a small business
16 owner is. My primary business is San Diego Lost in
17 (inaudible), a design build company. Our lead certified
18 projects have helped many companies lower their costs
19 and save the planet.

20 I rise today in support of AT&T's effort to
21 improve access to technology for all Californians. You
22 mentioned competition. Small businesses compete every
23 day. I compete against large companies and small
24 companies. All I ask is that the field be level. If
25 the field is level, everyone can complete.

1 America's global success is rooted in our
2 ability to be the leader in technology and ensure ready
3 public access to that technology. We must continue to
4 lead if we're going to be the country that creates high
5 performance employment opportunities while continuing to
6 innovate.

7 One of the most promising developments in
8 technology is the ability to quickly access a plethora
9 of information from any location in the world. Access
10 to the highest quality data and video has created entire
11 industries that employ thousands of employees, while
12 giving the consuming public better information smarter
13 and smarter.

14 A critical resource that allows small
15 businesses to compete effectively in today's global
16 economy is the ability to use technology as a business
17 innovator. Small businesses cannot afford expensive
18 infrastructure and, instead, must rely on technology
19 created by others to be inexpensive, compact,
20 user-friendly and readily available.

21 As the country moves more and more data to the
22 crowd, we must be ensured that networks must be robust
23 and reliable. As a result of the merger, AT&T is poised
24 to make significant new investments in infrastructure
25 and technology innovation. Small businesses in

1 California and across the country will surely benefit.

2 The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile promises to
3 continue our country's drive to better technology and
4 better outcomes for consumers and employees. Our
5 country must continue to invest in new technologies and
6 new research; therefore, access to high quality data
7 will be key. Time is of the essence because it is never
8 the wrong time to do the right thing. AT&T's merger
9 with T-Mobile is the right thing for California.

10 I'd ask that the PUC approve the merger
11 without kinds of unnecessary roadblocks that might serve
12 to slow down innovation or implementation.

13 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

14 Mike Whitton followed by Tiffany Swiderski.
15 And I apologize if I mispronounce anybody's name.

16 If Ms. Swiderski could come up and stand sort
17 of maybe around the third row, that would be helpful.

18 Thank you, sir.

19 MR. WHITTON: Good evening. My name is Mike
20 Whitton. That's W-h-i-t-t-o-n. I have not been paid to
21 be here tonight or received any kind of compensation
22 towards any kind of benefits or what-not.

23 I am the managing partner of Troutman Sanders.
24 We have 100 firm offices all over the world. Many
25 office here in Southern California, about 700 lawyers

1 worldwide.

2 It's important for us for service to our
3 clients and the business that we do that we have a
4 dependable, reliable and secure network. And the bottom
5 line is that the system has to work. We're confident
6 with AT&T at the helm that that will be served and that
7 the investment that they bring to bear will provide the
8 systems that we need to be able to conduct our business
9 and provide services to our clients.

10 So thank you very much.

11 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you, Mr. Whitton.

12 Tiffany Swiderski followed by Kathryn Ramirez.

13 MS. SWIDERSKI: Hi.

14 JUDGE MacDONALD: Before you begin, I've
15 inadvertently forgot, if anybody needs assistance in
16 Spanish, we have an interpreter.

17 Si alguien necesita ayuda en espanol, tenemos
18 una persona, Patty, que puede hacerlo.

19 Thank you.

20 MS. SWIDERSKI: Tiffany Swiderski,
21 T-i-f-f-a-n-y, S-w-i-d-e-r-s-k-i, and I came
22 representing myself.

23 For the past several years, I have been a
24 full-time volunteer and I've been in rural communities,
25 I've been in urban communities, and I've heavily relied

1 on my phone to remain in contact with my family and
2 friends back home, so I'm in support of the merger
3 because I think it would bring a bigger and better
4 network.

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Our next speaker, Katheryn Ramirez followed by
8 Ed Noon.

9 MS. RAMIREZ: Good evening. My name is
10 Katheryn Ramirez, K-a-t-h-e-r-y-n, Ramirez,
11 R-a-m-i-r-e-z.

12 I'm a student. I'm constantly on my phone and
13 I've had both AT&T and T-Mobile, and I've seen where
14 they have strengths and weaknesses. And I believe that
15 by merging them together, I can get coverage for
16 whatever campus I'm on, whether it's at San Diego State
17 or Mesa or City, and that makes it so much easier to get
18 study groups together, to get internet access so I can
19 pull up things for classes, to mail things to my
20 teachers. If a class is cancelled, it allows easier
21 access to know when we need to meet or where so --

22 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

23 Ed Noon followed by Gary Knight.

24 MR. NOON: Hi. My name is Ed Noon, E-d, Noon,
25 N-o-o-n.

1 I think this merger is a good thing. I'm a
2 T-Mobile customer. For faster broad band, the
3 opportunity for the I-phone, and just in general, I
4 think it's a good merger.

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Gary Knight will be followed by Scott Alevy.

8 MR. KNIGHT: My name is Gary Knight, G-a-r-y,
9 K-n-i-g-h-t. I'm here representing myself as a
10 consumer.

11 I've had services with all four of the top
12 carriers, and one of the things I've learned in any
13 experience during my years in healthcare is that we went
14 through a number of mergers in the '80s and '90s, and
15 what we found was that instead of losing competitive
16 advantage, what we found is it improved competitive
17 advantage, and the reason for it is that it made
18 stronger competitors.

19 And so after all the material I've been able
20 to go through in reading, I feel that being able to
21 merge the second and the fourth carrier to compete
22 against the top carrier will only improve service and
23 create competitive rates, which I'm concerned with.

24 The second piece is improved service. I think
25 that by merging the two infrastructures, we're going to

1 find that the areas and gaps that we typically have a
2 lot of times when we're in San Diego between our
3 mountains and peaks and other things, we'll probably
4 find it will be able to improve, if you can merge those
5 two infrastructures.

6 The other thing I'm interested in is the
7 community involvement. My experience with AT&T is that
8 one of the things that they've done very well is be a
9 good citizen, a good partner. Their deployment of solar
10 panels on many of their installations, trying to meet up
11 with some of our state regulations related to greenhouse
12 gases, has been very good, and also I'm aware of a
13 number of sponsorships with businesses they've done
14 across the county in helping organizations as they're
15 trying to improve the situation in San Diego.

16 So again, I'm in support of this merger.
17 Thank you.

18 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you, sir.

19 Scott Alevy followed by Mathew Kostrinsky.

20 MR. ALEVY: Good evening. Thank you very much
21 for being here in San Diego. Scott Alevy, A-l-e-v-y.
22 I'm very proud to be a resident of San Diego's East
23 County.

24 I am here to ask you to expeditiously endorse
25 this merger. AT&T, in this community under several

1 different names over the last -- over a century, has set
2 the bar for community involvement. Like many people
3 here, I'm very active in a number of non-profits and
4 find that nobody else that I know of in this town
5 certainly does the kind of job that they do in reaching
6 out to the underserved, to provide services that others
7 just don't give.

8 In reading a little bit about this issue, I
9 was very pressed with the amount of jobs that are
10 directly or indirectly added to the work force in this
11 very challenging economic environment. That's a very
12 welcome thing. We see a lot of growth starting to
13 happen in the economy. Businesses are starting to do
14 better, and having more jobs is a very positive thing
15 for our gross regional project.

16 Having better service, certainly on the
17 wireless end, is very important for our life styles, for
18 our businesses, because more and more that's very
19 important, so again, I urge you to endorse this merger,
20 thanks very much.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

22 Mathew Kostrinsky followed by Elva Gibson.

23 MR. KOSTRINSKY: Mathew Kostrinsky,
24 M-a-t-h-e-w, K-o-s-t-r-i-n-s-k-y.

25 Good evening, Commissioners. My name is

1 Mathew Kostrinsky. I'm here in talk to favor of the
2 AT&T and T-Mobile merger.

3 AT&T understands the importance -- I'm with
4 UDW. AT&T understands the importance of empowering work
5 forces. They're one of the only telecommunication work
6 forces in the United States and the largest private
7 sector employer that negotiates a union contract with
8 its employees.

9 The workers at -- the workers at T-Mobile will
10 benefit from this merger, as AT&T is the only wireless
11 company with a unionized work force and a long tradition
12 of non-interference with respect to organizing
13 employees. It will raise the living standard for
14 workers, and that's an important thing that we try to
15 talk about.

16 This merger will give the same opportunities
17 for more than an additional 20,000 T-Mobile workers
18 across the country and an additional 25,000 -- 2500 in
19 California here alone. This will create about 96,000
20 good family-sustaining telecom jobs across the U.S.
21 including in California.

22 We need to encourage employers like AT&T that
23 support our employees with competitive pay, health
24 benefits, and not those that are looking to just bottom
25 line spreadsheets, and that they provide a safety net of

1 their own instead of putting it on the tax payer
2 dollars.

3 I want to thank you very much for listening to
4 us and hopefully you'll support the merger of these two
5 companies. Thank you.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Elva Gibson followed by Lori Moore.

8 MS. GIBSON: Good evening, Commissioners. My
9 name is Elva Gibson, E-l-v-a, G-i-b-s-o-n. I apologize
10 for being a little nervous, but this issue is important
11 to me, so here I am.

12 About eight years ago, I was diagnosed with
13 type 2 diabetes, and as you know, that requires care 27
14 -- 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And because of
15 the serious problems that can result from this disease,
16 I've had to work closely with my doctor to make sure I'm
17 doing everything I can to manage this disease. And
18 thanks to new technology, very soon I'll be able to use
19 my smart phone to stay in touch with my doctor and to
20 stay on top of my diabetes. I urge you not to stand in
21 the way of improving technology for people like me.
22 T-Mobile joining AT&T means that aps like the kind that
23 can help me will work faster and better. I support this
24 merger.

25 Thank you.

1 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

2 Lori Moore followed by Keely Moore. And if
3 you could come up and stand just, like, around the third
4 row, that would keep things moving.

5 MS. LORI MOORE: Hello. My name is Lori
6 Moore, L-o-r-i, M-o-o-r-e. I represent small business
7 in San Diego.

8 I'm a fifth generation San Diegan. My family
9 has been in business here since the 1860s. Our
10 community partner is AT&T. It's very important to us
11 that we all work together for a better and more
12 efficient San Diego.

13 Times are tough for businesses in San Diego.
14 Every company has had to cut costs. It's unfortunate
15 because that means very few businesses value support in
16 the community. We continue as a family-owned business
17 to make differences for San Diego. It is important to
18 me that we continue to support AT&T because they share
19 our vision for community service and making San Diego a
20 better place to live and work. It is important to have
21 thriving businesses to continue to grow and be
22 successful.

23 By allowing and encouraging the purchase of
24 T-Mobile, it will show our support for dynamic
25 companies, such as AT&T, to stay current and ahead in

1 technology and services. That is a win-win for
2 San Diego. It will make our community stronger, show we
3 care about all San Diegans, and, in turn, make San Diego
4 a better place to live and work.

5 I earn courage you to please support the AT&T
6 purchase or T-Mobile. It is good for business and good
7 for our community. There are -- there are companies
8 that set the bar high to not only be a great -- this is
9 a company that sets the bar high to not only be a great
10 company, provide good customer service, but respect and
11 support the community we all love.

12 Thank you.

13 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

14 Keely Moore followed by Jon Vance.

15 MS. KELLY MOORE: Hello. My name is Keely
16 Moore, K-e-e-l-y M-o-o-r-e. I'm a student at the
17 University of Redlands, and I'm here today to be the
18 voice of students.

19 My generation practically runs on technology.
20 Having a cell phone and high-speed internet on the
21 commuter is crucial for all college students, which is
22 why this merger is so important. We, as a society, have
23 to keep moving forward, and I know the merge between
24 AT&T and T-Mobile will create for less dead zones, less
25 dropped calls, essentially more successful students. I

1 support this merge, and I think you should, too.

2 Thank you.

3 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

4 Jon Vance followed by Doug Sawyer.

5 MR. VANCE: Hi. My name is Jon Vance spelled

6 J-o-n, V-a-n-c-e. I'm here tonight as a customer, a

7 resident, and as the founder of Med DX Strategy

8 Partners, a San Diego-based investment bank.

9 Over the past ten years of us banking here in
10 San Diego, I've advised clients on over \$1.5 billion of
11 transactions and can unequivocally say that the most
12 essentially important of those clients were, and
13 increasingly are, healthcare technology companies who
14 depend on wireless broad band to make healthcare more
15 efficient and affordable, while at the same time
16 increasing access to care for previously underserved
17 patient populations.

18 Similar to the importance of patient access to
19 overall healthcare success, dependable access to
20 wireless broad band is core to my clients' business
21 models, the future of healthcare, and, ultimately,
22 continued investment and job creation in this region.

23 Unfortunately, currently, overcrowded networks
24 appear unable to handle the coming onslaught of exciting
25 new healthcare-specific devices and applications. As

1 you'd expect, investors have taken notice resulting in
2 an overhang to the business models of some of Southern
3 California's most promising startups. Simply put, this
4 overhang has a real cost. Currently, it results in a
5 challenge to the valuation of these companies, but the
6 time is quickly coming where funding for these companies
7 will be withheld until the uncertainty is resolved.
8 This would be a stifling effect on our economy here.

9 It's for this reason that I encourage this
10 Commission and other policy makers to continue efforts
11 vigorously to free up the spectrum for leading
12 communication companies, like AT&T, to construct the
13 next generation network so vital to the future of
14 healthcare. Specifically, I urge the CPUC to recommend
15 approval of the merger to the FCC in order to keep
16 Southern California as a key center of excellence for
17 the innovation of healthcare technology.

18 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

19 Doug Sawyer followed by Frank Sciuto.

20 MR. SAWYER: Doug Sawyer, D-o-u-g,
21 S-a-w-y-e-r.

22 The landscape seems very clear here. We have
23 an opportunity to turn foreign jobs and foreign assets
24 into American jobs and American assets. We have the
25 opportunity to create union jobs, rather than non-union

1 jobs. We have a company, AT&T, who is deeply invested
2 in all of the communities that they work in and live in.

3 Given all of those things, it is my pleasure
4 to endorse this proposed merger and hope that it will be
5 done expeditiously so that all the things that people
6 are talking about today can come true.

7 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

8 Frank Sciuto followed by Laura Cazares.

9 MR. SCIUTO: Good evening. My name is Frank
10 Sciuto, like shoot your toe, but you tried. It's
11 spelled S-c-i-u-t-o, and I'm sure you know how to spell
12 Frank. I'm vice president of Tio Lio's Mexican
13 restaurants, a small business owner since 1979.

14 The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will
15 accomplish three important issues for me: It will
16 result in better coverage and less dropped calls for my
17 catering staff and delivery business; two, it will be
18 environmentally more friendly because of combined cell
19 sites between the two companies; and finally, it's nice
20 to see our American dollars staying here and reinvested.

21 Thank you very much. I hope you will approve
22 this quickly.

23 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

24 Laura Cazares followed by D'wane -- it looks
25 like -- Brown.

1 MS. CAZARES: Laura Cazares, L-a-u-r-a,
2 C-a-z-a-r-e-s, and I'm here representing myself.

3 I support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. I
4 am a smart phone user and I believe that with increased
5 cell phone towers, we will have better reception. I
6 also think the merger will improve access in rural
7 communities because it will -- instead of having to run
8 the wires, they'll be able to have wireless access.
9 They'll be able to tether their phones to their
10 computers and have access to information that they may
11 not have right now.

12 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

13 D'wane Brown followed by Ken Paddock.

14 MR. BROWN: D'wane Brown. That's D apostrophe
15 W-a-n-e, last name is Brown, B-r-o-w-n.

16 Hi. My name is D'wane, and I support the
17 merge between the two users, which is AT&T and T-Mobile.
18 AT&T has never let me down so far. AT&T has been around
19 since I've been a child. And I'm just going to use a
20 phrase from Obama. Like Obama said, "This isn't about
21 faster internet service or a few dropped calls, it's
22 about connecting every part of America's digital age."

23 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

24 Ken Paddock.

25 MR. PADDOCK: Hi. My name's Ken Paddock.

1 It's K-e-n, P-a-d-d-o-c-k. I represent a company called
2 Life Support Medical. We provide monitor -- monitoring
3 services for the aged and little, and so our product is
4 based on a few items, but telecommunications is the core
5 backbone behind our product. And what we're finding is
6 that our clients are shifting away from home phone and
7 using cell phone as their primary telecommunication
8 source.

9 So I approve this merger in hopes that we get
10 better more reliable services at more competitive
11 prices.

12 Thank you.

13 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

14 Our next speakers are all in a group. They
15 all came just shortly after Mr. Paddock, so they will
16 be speaking for a shorter amount of time, approximately
17 30 seconds each. Because of the short amount of time
18 that they will be speaking, I'd like them to line up in
19 a group of five that I will call: Jocelyn Pajarito,
20 Amanda McCarty, Ariel McCarty and McKenzie Bartman.

21 Not here?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They left already.

23 JUDGE MacDONALD: All right. Kirsten Bartman,
24 Rhea Aguinaldo, Bernadita Cabrera, Leonor Calinisan,
25 Aries Aranas.

1 MS. AGUINALDO: My name is Rhea Aguinaldo.
2 That's R-h-e-a, last name is A-g-u-i-n-a-l-d-o. I'm
3 speaking as the Program Manager and the Deputy Director
4 for California for the National Asian American Coalition
5 here today.

6 We have received funding for our programs from
7 AT&T but not from T-Mobile. I am mainly speaking today
8 on our being the program manager for our small business
9 assistance programs. We recently just had one of our
10 workshops here in San Diego where it was participated by
11 30 small business owners mainly minority owned and
12 disabled veteran owned businesses.

13 I just wanted to highlight -- since my time is
14 short, I wanted to highlight one of the programs that
15 AT&T is very strong in, and it's called Operation Hand
16 Salute. It's based -- it basically strengthens the
17 entrepreneurship of disabled veteran owners. And with
18 the merger to be accepted and to go through swiftly,
19 they would hopefully expand business -- expand programs
20 like this for small business owners.

21 Thank you.

22 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

23 I noticed a large group of people return. If
24 any of them were on the list of names called, I'll read
25 it one more time: Jocelyn Pajarito, Amanda McCarty,

1 Ariel McCarty, McKenzie Bartman, Kirsten Bartman,
2 Bernadita Cabrera, Leonor Calinisan, Aries Aranas, Bella
3 Carreon, Daughlet Ordinario, JR Chantengco, Arceli
4 Borrer, Mark Altenbaugh.

5 MS. ORDINARIO: Hi. Good evening. My name is
6 Daughlet Ordinario, D-a-u-g-h-l-e-t, last name is
7 O-r-d-i-n-a-r-i-o. I'm a Past President of an
8 organization called (inaudible), and I've been around
9 for over 20 years. And we did receive a grant at one
10 time from AT&T as very -- I support the merger. They
11 are a very socially responsible company.

12 Thank you.

13 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

14 MR. CHANTENGCO: Good afternoon. My name is
15 JR Chantengco, and I'm here on behalf of NAAC. I'm a
16 small business owner, and a political advocate, and I
17 believe that the track record of AT&T has shown through
18 the years in disseminating dollars to both the
19 non-profits and charitable is commendable. I hope that
20 the track record will continue on behalf of this merger,
21 and I feel it will be a benefit to the community if some
22 of the dollars can be spent to help educate and broaden
23 the depth of the technology to non-profits in bridging
24 the gap between those who have and those who do not
25 have.

1 So that's my support of that, and I hope that
2 the merger will continue. Thank you.

3 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

4 MS. CARREON: My name is Jackie Carreon. I'm
5 going to speak on behalf of Bella Carreon. I know we
6 have the same concerns. J-a-c-k-i-e, C-a-r-r-e-o-n. I
7 didn't do any research on statistics or anything; the
8 only research I have is my experience with both
9 companies. And although I love the technology and
10 advancement of the AT&T, after having three kids and a
11 husband, it made more sense for me financially to go to
12 T-Mobile. And I just hope that now with the merger, I
13 can have the best of both worlds, and I hope to see all
14 that.

15 Thank you.

16 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

17 MS. BORROR: Hello, everybody, good evening.
18 My name is Arceli Borrór, A-r-c-e-l-i, B-o-r-r-o-r. I'm
19 here to present myself to support the AT&T and T-Mobile
20 being merging. And I think two heads is better than
21 one, so I think this merging is going to give us more
22 for the technologies that we can use it and also for the
23 future.

24 Thank you so much.

25 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

1 Christopher Manlongat, Will Janes, Alvin
2 Toney.

3 MR. MANLONGAT: Good evening. This is
4 Christopher Manlongat, C-h-r-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-r,
5 M-a-n-l-o-n-g-a-t, representing the Adventist Community
6 Services. From a religious perspective, I know that we
7 have different persuasion, but with eyes, we know
8 (inaudible) the community, and AT&T is known for its
9 help in the community, especially helping the poor. And
10 in this merger, we could see that this help will be more
11 maximized.

12 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

13 PASTOR JANES: I'm Pastor Will Janes, W-i-l-l,
14 J-a-n-e-s, from the Paradise Valley Seventh Day
15 Adventist Church.

16 Having T-Mobile, AT&T and Sprint, having
17 towers on my problem, I'm going to lose one, but I know
18 that AT&T has been a very, very good client of ours, and
19 they are very active in the community, and I commend
20 them, and I very much stand for this merger.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

22 Alvin Toney, Patti Sibug, Andrea Rerolle,
23 Perly Aguinaldo.

24 MS. AGUINALDO: I was the last person called,
25 but my name is Perly Aguinaldo. I'm a registered nurse

1 of many, many years working in an ICU setting.

2 P-e-r-l-y, Aguinaldo, A-g-u-i-n-a-l-d-o.

3 My job involves urgency. All the technologies
4 have done my job easy. All the informations in the ICU
5 are available to an ICU nurse. Our problem is getting
6 in touch with the doctors sometimes. Improvement in
7 wireless technology will be important to get all this
8 information directly to the doctors so delivery of care
9 will be faster and we could save lives. That's all we
10 do in the ICU.

11 And in terms of patient education, which is
12 very important in this healthcare reform, I would like
13 to be able to get all those reminders when I discharge
14 my patient, if he looks at his telephone, "It's time to
15 get your blood pressure pill. Have you exercised
16 today?" Those are just some of the important health
17 informations that I think are necessary in this new era.

18 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

19 Ephraim Bendo, Vincent Teran, Bob Mulz.

20 MR. BENDO: Ephraim Bendo, E-p-h-r-a-i-m,
21 B-e-n-d-o. I'm representing Seventh Day Adventist
22 Church for Refugee Assimilation Project. Communication
23 technology means for refugee quality communication and
24 many jobs.

25 Thank you. I support the merger of AT&T and

1 T-Mobile.

2 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

3 MR. MULZ: Good evening. My name is Bob Mulz,
4 M-u-l-z. First name is Bob. Backwards and forwards
5 spelled the same way, of course.

6 I'm also the quiet, shy and humble chairman of
7 the nation's largest service disabled veteran owned
8 business network. And as volunteers and having all
9 volunteers in our network, AT&T has supported us in
10 every turn since the very beginning, and I've got the
11 proof sitting right on the back of one of our programs
12 that we held in Chicago. And for that, I'm very
13 definitely in favor of the merger because I know they'll
14 be outreaching to us. I know they'll be helping us.

15 And more importantly, if I can just add one
16 thing, they're also part of the JUDC, which works with
17 the California Public Utilities Commission and all the
18 utilities, and it was at that meeting -- just one
19 minute. It was at that meeting that that's when we
20 announced that Operation Hand Salute, and they're doing
21 it because I've got 47 chapters across the United States
22 saying they're doing it.

23 Thank you.

24 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

25 MS. TERAN: Good evening, once again, and I'm

1 going to speak on behalf of my husband Vincent Teran,
2 V-i-n-c-e-n-t, Teran, T-e-r-a-n, and also a business
3 partner Patti Sibug.

4 As I sat and listened to some of the comments
5 this evening, there's a group that we also represent
6 which is Voices for Children. Voices for Children is an
7 advocacy group for children that are going through the
8 process of being displaced from their home because
9 they've been abused or some other situation. They
10 are -- Voices for Children represents them in court.
11 And it just occurred to me that the children needed a
12 voice this evening so I decided to taking advantage of
13 the two who didn't want to speak on behalf of them.

14 It's important that our kids have access to
15 technology and communication for educational purposes,
16 not only that, but also for safety purposes, and AT&T is
17 also very strong in supporting children and supporting
18 educational programs, so that would be another reason
19 why to support this particular venture.

20 Thank you.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

22 A.J. Wilson, Aaron Cusha, Eric Rodgers, Jun
23 Aguilar.

24 MR. WILSON: Good evening, my name is A.J.
25 Wilson, A, J, W-i-l-s-o-n. I'm the Vice Chairman of the

1 Elite Services veteran-owned business network. I've
2 been in small business more than 30 years now, but my
3 real focus is veterans in business. The merger between
4 AT&T and T-Mobile is going to make AT&T larger, and I'm
5 really hoping because they're one of the three
6 utilities -- regulated utilities that made their Geo 561
7 goal, I'm hoping that this expansion, their growth, will
8 enable more veterans to get contracts with them.

9 Thank you very much.

10 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

11 The remainder of our speakers are from all
12 over, so we will be returning to the two-minute speaking
13 time. If the speaker I call could come to the mike and
14 the second could come stand somewhere hovering around
15 the third row, that will keep us all moving.

16 Maria Sanchez followed by Will Janes.

17 MS. SANCHEZ: Good evening. Excuse me. Good
18 evening. My name is Maria Sanchez. That's M-a-r-i-a,
19 Sanchez, S-a-n-c-h-e-z. I am a resident of the county,
20 and I'm here to voice my support of the AT&T and
21 T-Mobile merger.

22 For the last eight years, I've been a
23 stay-at-home mom of two daughters, and it's peace of
24 mind to know that my children and my family are a phone
25 call away or a text message away, and I depend on my

1 wireless service to keep the lines of communication
2 open. And that's why I strongly believe that allowing
3 the merger will strengthen AT&T's accessibility and
4 reliability.

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Will Janes?

8 PASTOR JANES: I already spoke.

9 JUDGE MacDONALD: Already spoke. Thank you.

10 Bob Mulz followed by Tom Elbert.

11 MR. MULZ: Bob already spoke.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The other two spoke
13 already.

14 MR. ELBERT: My name is Tom Elbert, Junior,
15 T-o-m, E-l-b-e-r-t, and I'm here representing the
16 Grocery Workers of United Fruit and Commercial Workers,
17 Local 135.

18 I'm here to speak in support of proposed
19 merger of AT&T with T-Mobile with T-Mobile. With our
20 state's unemployment rate at more than eleven percent,
21 it is essential to put Californians back to work. AT&T
22 has stated that their merger with T-Mobile will create
23 more than 96,000 jobs in California and across in United
24 States. And these aren't just jobs, these good jobs.

25 AT&T is the only wireless company with a

1 unionized work force which allows their workers to
2 bargain collectively for fair pay, healthcare, safe
3 working conditions, and assurance that they are
4 providing for their families. These are the jobs
5 Californians need. Please remember the thousands of
6 unemployed and underemployed friends, family and
7 neighbors who need good jobs and support the merger.

8 Thank you.

9 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

10 Kea Hagan and Carmen Sandoval.

11 MS. HAGAN: Good evening. My name is Kea
12 Hagan, K-e-a, Hagan, H-a-g-a-n. I'm a long-time
13 consumer of AT&T, and it is my hope with this merger
14 that services will be strengthened, and I echo the
15 comments of support that were said and shared before me.

16 Thank you.

17 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

18 MS. SANDOVAL: Good evening. Carmen Sandoval,
19 C-a-r-m-e-n, S-a-n-d-o-v-a-l.

20 I'm here tonight as an interested consumer,
21 and those of us who use the network have seen it grown
22 -- grow so much where everybody's using it, and even I
23 finally used to learn to use my I-phone. And I want to
24 make sure our wireless networks are able to meet our
25 needs, to turn on when we want them to turn on, to stay

1 on, and then to also go super fast. That's important.
2 I believe the coming together of AT&T and T-Mobile will
3 be good for consumers and help us get the network that
4 we need.

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Ryan Mims followed by Lorena Gonzalez.

8 MR. MIMS: Hello. My name is Ryan Mims.
9 That's R-y-a-n, M-i-m-s, and I'm here just representing
10 myself tonight.

11 I just -- there's a lot of people that are
12 unemployed right now in California and across the
13 country, and this merger is a great infrastructure
14 project, and that's how we put people back to work.
15 AT&T has a reputation as being a good employer, and so
16 I'd like to see more people back to work with good jobs.

17 And then the other thing is I live out in East
18 County, and many of us don't have broad band access and
19 some of us only do have the chance to get Cox as our
20 access, so I'd like to see some additional competition
21 out there so that people that don't have it can get it
22 and the people that only have the opportunity to use Cox
23 could also possibly use AT&T, who is a better employer.

24 Thank you very much.

25 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

1 Lorena Gonzalez will be followed by Tom
2 Lemmon.

3 MS. GONZALEZ: Good evening. My name is
4 Lorena Gonzalez, and I'm secretary-treasurer and CEO of
5 the San Diego Imperial County's Labor Council AFL-CIO,
6 and I stand here today on behalf of our 192,000 union
7 families throughout this county and this region in
8 support of this potential merger, and I'll tell you why.

9 I've sat through and heard what a good
10 corporate sponsor AT&T is in the community, and I've got
11 to be honest, I've sat through a lot of meetings on one
12 side or another and heard about corporations and how
13 much that they can give to a community, and often that's
14 just a tactic, but seldom are we able to stand up for a
15 company who has made economic development part of the
16 public interest. Not only is AT&T going to create jobs,
17 they're going to create good jobs. We know with the
18 \$8 billion infrastructure investment that they'll create
19 close to 100,000 new jobs.

20 And, more importantly for us, we know this
21 means over 2500 T-Mobile customers -- T-Mobile workers
22 here in California will have the right to have their
23 voices heard in the workplace. We'll be able to
24 unionize without intimidation, and that is very rare in
25 corporate America, to be quite honest. It is with great

1 pleasure that we're able to stand with AT&T, who has
2 proven themselves to be one of the best employers in
3 America.

4 Thank you.

5 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

6 Tom Lemmon followed by Jon Vance.

7 MR. LEMMON: Tom Lemmon, T-o-m, Lemmon, extra
8 sour two Ms, L-e-m-m-o-n. I represent the San Diego
9 County Building and Construction Trades Council
10 representing 35,000 construction -- union construction
11 workers here in San Diego, and we're here to support the
12 merger.

13 We always want to jump up and shout the praise
14 of a company that does the right thing by its workers,
15 and we think AT&T has a long history of doing that. And
16 the merger between them and T-Mobile should move forward
17 quickly.

18 Thank you.

19 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

20 Jon Vance followed by Sam Duran. Jon Vance,
21 Sam Duran.

22 MR. DURAN: Sam Duran, S-a-m, D-u-r-a-n, and
23 I'm representing the Urban Corps, San Diego County.
24 It's a local conservation corps and also the Urban Corps
25 San Diego County Charter School.

1 And yes, they have given us money. Our first
2 grant we got was from Pac Bell. SBC gave us money, and
3 also AT&T has given us money and grants.

4 About 15 years ago, I initiated what I thought
5 they should receive from us, and so San Francisco,
6 Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles and the California
7 Conservation Corps joined me, and we nominated them for
8 the corporate sponsor award from our national
9 association. So they have helped a lot of young people.
10 I have 700 young people that have graduated from my high
11 school that use that phone. They have a phone. They
12 can't afford to buy a lot of things, but they can afford
13 a phone.

14 With the merger, which we strongly support, it
15 just makes it easier, and it also gives us a chance to
16 maybe get some money back into the United States by
17 opening up jobs, because we're the feeder into the
18 unions, and so we strongly support that.

19 Thank you.

20 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

21 Mike Germuska followed by Nelson Huang.

22 Michael Thaller followed by Angel Rose Delem.

23 MR. HUANG: Good evening. My name is Nelson
24 Huang, N-e-l-s-o-n, last name, Huang, H-u-a-n-g. I'm
25 the President of an organization called APIAPA, Southern

1 California Chapter. The Asian Pacific Islander American
2 Population Association, which is a statewide non-profit
3 organization.

4 We do use a lot of AT&T service, and they
5 sponsor our internship program so -- by the way.

6 I'm here to support the merger of AT&T and
7 T-Mobile. Professionally, I'm a technical person. I'm
8 a business owner of an information technology company
9 which, of course, use a lot of their service.

10 As a technical person and also as a volunteer
11 in the community, I understand the merger will create a
12 new high capacity and high speed network that will -- I
13 did my homework -- reach about 55 million more people,
14 and also it will lower the cost for customers.

15 I think it's very important for small business
16 like us, because it will give us the access of the
17 cutting edge technology. And the technology was
18 traditionally enjoyed only by those large scale
19 enterprises. So I think that you will open the doors
20 for a lot of the small businesses and also non-profit
21 organizations like the APIAPA which I represent to
22 compete globally and, consequently, I think that
23 geography and size no longer matter. So I'm here to
24 urge you to support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

25 Thank you.

1 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

2 MR.. GERMUSKA: Good evening. My name is
3 Michael Germuska, M-i-c-h-a-e-l, G-e-r-m-u-s-k-a. I'm
4 here representing myself as a T-Mobile customer, and I'd
5 like to endorse the AT&T T-Mobile merger for the
6 following reasons:

7 One, I believe it's going to improve the plan
8 for myself and my family in terms of speed, coverage and
9 access to devices; in addition, as a member of the
10 California Nursing Association, I've reaped the benefit
11 of working in a unionized environment, and I believe
12 that T-Mobile employees will also reap the benefit from
13 working in an environment with a merger with AT&T where
14 they have access to employee associations.

15 Thank you so much for your time.

16 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

17 Angie Rose Delem, Cecille Galang.

18 MR. THALLER: Hi there. My name is Michael
19 Thaller, T-h-a-l-l-e-r. And I'm like a lot of people
20 here, I am not a member of an organization that has
21 gotten a grant from AT&T.

22 I agree with everyone that says that the new
23 technology and expanding the networks are of critical
24 importance, but I remember back decades ago when AT&T
25 had a monopoly and everyone had a black telephone. They

1 had no reason to be competitive, they had no reason to
2 increase service, and one day they came up with a new
3 technological advance, a tan telephone. And that tan
4 telephone, they charged, in 1950, \$50, \$5 a month for.

5 This company has -- granted it may not be the
6 same AT&T, but the history and economics are such that
7 when a company is a monopoly or a near monopoly, they
8 have no motivation to donate to organizations. They
9 have no motivation to increase technology. Their only
10 motivation is to increase profit, and the people of
11 T-Mobile, if this should occur, can be guaranteed that
12 AT&T rates are not going to go down to T-Mobile's,
13 T-Mobile's will go up at least to AT&T's. And we can
14 also be guaranteed that you will not see technology
15 improve. We can also be guaranteed that to save money
16 and make more profit, AT&T will be laying off T-Mobile
17 employees. There's no reason to build a huge amount of
18 infrastructure, and, in fact, T-Mobile, at one point,
19 bought network from AT&T.

20 So there's no reason to expect any kind of
21 economic advances. The only thing that we can expect is
22 higher prices, lower technology, and no competition. I
23 remember when competition was considered an important
24 factor in increasing public service and everything else.

25 If you're getting a grant from AT&T and they

1 don't have to compete any more because they have
2 40 percent of the market, don't count on getting it
3 again.

4 Thank you.

5 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you so much.

6 So some people may have left. I'm going to
7 call a few names and see where we stop: Joshua Bauer,
8 Ranon Ancetita, Ed Danico, Dianne White.

9 MR. DANICO: Hello. I am Ed Danico, Ed, E-d,
10 Danico, D-a-n-i-c-o. I'm the President of the
11 (inaudible) Association, which is a coalition member of
12 NAAC.

13 I support the merger. It will bring the
14 prices down for the minorities and the veterans. Some
15 other people who cannot help buying all this high tech
16 thing, and I believe if they merge together, they can
17 create a program that will benefit the public in cheaper
18 rate and better service.

19 Thank you.

20 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

21 Dianne White followed by Walter Carlin.

22 MS. WHITE: My name is Dianne White,
23 D-i-a-n-n-e, W-h-i-t-e. I am here first an as
24 individual mother with two teenage daughters who I have
25 on electronic leashes and --

1 Sorry. So I'm here helping representing
2 myself as a mother with two teenage daughters who I keep
3 on electronic leashes, and I support more band width in
4 order to keep better tabs on them as they go about their
5 business of band and color guard.

6 Do I need to start over?

7 So anyhow, I support the merger. I'm also
8 currently working at NAAC as an accountant, and I see
9 the great things that they're doing with the grants that
10 they're getting from AT&T, and I support their work.
11 Also, it makes it easy for me to be a working mother
12 having the electronic leash for my children because I
13 know where they are and what they're doing, and if they
14 need me, I'm just a text away, so I endorse the merger.

15 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

16 Walter Carlin followed by Jason Moore.

17 MR. CARLIN: Hi. I'm Walter Carlin,
18 C-a-r-l-i-n.

19 I was going to talk about oligarchy because I
20 do think this is part of what we're going, not only this
21 particular merger, take-over, but where we're going as a
22 school. I mean, what's going on in Washington right
23 now, forget about your entitlements and no taxes on the
24 rich. My God, can you imagine some guys making
25 \$100 million and he has to pay, now he's only going to

1 make \$90 million? That's outrageous.

2 But this particular thing -- as I heard the
3 people speak, I made a couple notes. Background: I was
4 in the airline business for 34 years in management all
5 that time. I was personally involved in two airline,
6 quote, unquote, "mergers," which, of course, are
7 actually take-overs. What's going to happen here?
8 People are talking about service? What? Why do they
9 have to improve the service? There will only be two
10 mega companies left. What's the motive? Why do you
11 want to merge? You want to increase your profits
12 because, among other things, it's going to increase your
13 CEO pay, your executive compensation. How do you do
14 that? You increase your revenues. By virtue of merging
15 these two companies, your revenues are increased. Now
16 you've got to cut costs. How do you cut costs? Anybody
17 got some employees around? You start getting rid of
18 them. They're not the high level people. These are not
19 the people that sit in well appointed offices, these are
20 the workers. They're going to go.

21 Now they may hire some more people out in,
22 say, Mumbai, but they're not going to be hiring them
23 here because it would make no sense. That's not why you
24 merge companies. So watch out for this.

25 It is not going to provide more service an --

1 increase in service, and it is certainly not going to be
2 any good for the employees. Believe me, from a back
3 stage standpoint, when you merge with another company --
4 my case in the airline -- you start looking, who are we
5 going to cut? We have, let's say, 350 people in Saint
6 Louis. We can get down to 2000. That's what's going to
7 happen here. So this is not a particularly good thing,
8 even though AT&T has done a marvelous job, obviously, in
9 getting people out tonight. They have reached out and
10 touched someone.

11 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

12 MR. MOORE: Good evening, Commissioners. My
13 name is Jason Moore, M-o-o-r-e. I've been a customer of
14 AT&T's for the last five years or so.

15 My business requires that I'm on the go, but I
16 still need to be able to stay in touch with my clients.
17 This merger, I believe, would allow my phone to actually
18 work as a super tool, a business tool for me to be able
19 to stay in touch in San Diego. I think it would
20 increase speed, as well as reliability, so I'm just in
21 support of the merger and I hope that you are, too.

22 Thank you.

23 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

24 Franklin Woods followed by Sam -- Samuel
25 Emery.

1 MR. MOORE: Good evening. My name is Franklin
2 Woods. That's F-r-a-n-k-l-i-n, W-o-o-d-s.

3 I'm here from Palm Springs, and I came up here
4 on my own because, number one, I've witnessed this type
5 of case with AT&T. There was a time back in 2005 and
6 2006, I was with a carrier called Call Plus
7 International. I could call all over the world with it
8 at one flat rate, \$60. AT&T/Cingular took it over and
9 immediately my bill jumped to like 100, 160, \$200.

10 Well, you know, that was strange because I
11 knew this. I'm an ex-nuclear weapons instructor for
12 NATO. We taught in Vilseck, Germany for Weapons
13 Assembly Division on the Seventh Corps, and we worked
14 with this technology before most of these people knew
15 what it was, the internet. We used to send messages
16 across the world, and I used to tell my cousins and
17 people about it when I came on vacation back to the
18 States, and they'd laugh at me and say me it was
19 impossible.

20 So I watched the cell phone develop from
21 commuting file directory data for long-range rockets in
22 a field training exercise. The government had a hold on
23 that technology. Nobody could get it. There was no
24 expansion, Apple, Atari, none of them. But when the
25 government released it, you know what happened? That's

1 where we are today.

2 So a merger, common sense, economic common
3 sense would tell you a merger does not -- oh, excuse me
4 here. A merger does not create jobs. Call Plus
5 International, boom, they left. They lost like 30,000
6 employees, and I can guarantee you right now as soon as
7 AT&T takes over T-Mobile, a minimum of 20,000 employees
8 are going to be gone because the goal is -- anybody
9 knows who has common sense who has any type of economic
10 logic. They're going to be increasing their profits,
11 increasing their executive pay, increasing their
12 bonuses, cutting employees, and they're going to have a
13 grasp on everything, and you are going to have to fight
14 for what you think you need.

15 So I strongly discourage a merger. I've seen
16 it happen over the last 30 years, and it has never,
17 never created any jobs. The most important is that the
18 wealth is spread so other companies can grow. That's
19 where you get your innovation at.

20 Thank you.

21 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

22 Now, I'm sorry, I can't read this name very
23 well, but the last name is Emery, E-m-e-r-y.

24 MR. EMERY: Yes, Sumner.

25 JUDGE MacDONALD: Sumner. Thank you, sir.

1 MR. EMERY: Unusual name, S-u-m-n-e-r, K.
2 Emery, E-m-e-r-y.

3 I am a retired executive from Pacific Bell
4 after 37 and a half years service. I worked on the
5 merger when we split in 1984 and saw the issues
6 statewide.

7 After retirement, I decided we ought to have
8 a retiree organization. AT&T didn't have one
9 independently, and so we formed a retiree group called
10 the Telco Retirees Association, which is still in
11 existence. It has thousands of members in 49 states and
12 we met regularly with AT&T benefits to deal with the
13 retired employees' problems. And we were on a first
14 name basis, and I will tell you my experience since
15 retirement is that AT&T has been a responsible party in
16 helping us deal with retirees' problems and benefits.

17 When I worked in the company, and I was
18 involved in the split from the very beginning, AT&T had
19 a simple model, we referred to it as a three-legged
20 stool. The customer was one leg; the company -- the
21 customer was one; the company management, if you will,
22 was the other leg; and customer employee and company are
23 all together, and they said, "If we're going to have a
24 balanced company, we need to get all three legs on the
25 stool well balanced."

1 And so our objective was then, and it was
2 during my time in the management and since then, that
3 AT&T has been a responsible party. I accept the
4 criticisms I've heard because there is no question in
5 competition, which hits us all, AT&T has done a lot of
6 things that they didn't do before, but I would say that
7 after the question of merger, it's my opinion that AT&T
8 has the experience, the knowledge to improve the basic
9 service.

10 What will happen as far as the employees and
11 the costs, I'm not here to say, but I am strong in
12 support of a merger only on my experience with the
13 company prior to retirement and retirement.

14 Thank you very much.

15 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

16 Next speakers are Miriam Raftery and Peter
17 MacLaggan.

18 MS. RAFTERY: Hi, Miriam Raftery. It's
19 spelled M-i-r-i-a-m, R-a-f-t-e-r-y. I'm the editor of
20 East County Magazine, and we operate a wildfire and
21 emergency alert service for our region, and we've -- I
22 might add have taken no money from AT&T. They've done a
23 great job supporting lots of charities, but not ours.

24 At any rate, my concern is the ability of
25 people in the back country to get emergency

1 communications. We've had the worst wildfires in the
2 state's history here. And I'm frankly very concerned
3 about the merger because I've heard -- I'm here today
4 specifically at the request of several rural residents
5 with live stock who could not be here today, but they've
6 been telling me -- I've actually been in the process of
7 doing a story we're researching about problems with
8 sagging lines and poor repair of AT&T lines all over our
9 back country region, and frequent outages and very long
10 repair lines.

11 I'll give you two examples: Kim Hamilton,
12 editor of the Dearborn Valley Antler, she -- it took
13 three weeks for AT&T to repair her line when it went
14 down. The worst -- even worst case is John Cloka, who
15 has had, again, an area repeated outage, repeated
16 complaints through the years, nothing done. And he came
17 home last week and found his llama had just been bitten
18 by a rattle snake. He ran inside. He has no cell phone
19 service at all where he lives. No option for it. He
20 has no high speed internet, he has only dial-up with
21 AT&T. He relies on his landline with AT&T for
22 everything. And he ran in the house and his line was
23 dead. And by the time he could get to a store to call
24 for help and get back, he cried me as he told me about
25 holding the llama in his arms as it died with the vet

1 just arrived, and what they all had to do. They tried
2 to trach it and everything and it died anyway.

3 And when he found out about this hearing, he
4 called me and he said, "Miriam, I cannot wait for the
5 day when I have some competition so that I can have cell
6 phone service out here, and I don't want it to be from
7 AT&T because if I can't trust them to fix my line or
8 even to return my calls, they" -- he said it was
9 insulting, that they only offered him \$6 for his
10 inconvenience and wouldn't even return his calls about
11 compensation for his lost animal. You know, he said,
12 "How can I trust them to, you know, provide service when
13 we need it?" And I've heard a lot. So I know AT&T does
14 a lot of good things in the community, but they haven't
15 been serving the back country community very well.

16 And last thing, I would suggest if it is
17 approved, that as mitigation, they be required to get
18 out there and fix those lines in the back country or put
19 the people in the high fire risk towns who have no cell
20 service right now or bad lines, and put them at the
21 front of the line to get reliable service, either cell
22 phone or fixing these lines.

23 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

24 And Ms. Raftery, you might want to refer that
25 gentleman to our Consumer Affairs Branch.

1 MS. RAFTERY: Thank you. I will.

2 MR. MacLAGGAN: Good evening. My name is
3 Peter, P-e-t-e-r, M-a-c-L-a-g-g-a-n.

4 I'm here tonight to request the Public
5 Utilities Commission to approve the merger between AT&T
6 and T-Mobile. This merger will result in significant
7 investment in wireless networks across the country that
8 will lead to faster, better services for our communities
9 in California.

10 Thank you.

11 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

12 We have two or speakers on this page and then
13 we will be about halfway through, so after these two
14 speakers, we will be taking a ten-minute break.

15 Karen Prescott, Misty Milam.

16 MS. PRESCOTT: Good evening. Karen Prescott,
17 K-a-r-e-n, P-r-e-s-c-o-t-t. I represent NECA, which is
18 National Electrical Contractors Association, and we
19 represent small business, medium and large-sized
20 businesses here in San Diego, as well as nationally.

21 The commitment of AT&T will provide much
22 needed infrastructure, and we are here to build that
23 infrastructure. This will give a much needed shot in
24 the arm to a very lagging construction community, and
25 this will bring -- help bring back the economic level in

1 our community. We actually support this issue, and we
2 hope that you will also join us in the venture.

3 Thank you.

4 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you. Mistie Milam,
5 are you still here?

6 It doesn't appear so.

7 It is -- it looks like 7:35 back there. Hard
8 for me to see the clock. We'll take a ten-minute break.
9 Please limit it to ten minutes and come back at that
10 time and we'll start. Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, a break was taken.)

12 JUDGE MacDONALD: We will be back on the
13 record. We took a short break. We are at the beginning
14 of page 6. There were a certain number of speakers that
15 I called who apparently may have left the room. Some
16 them are on the sign-up sheet twice, probably
17 inadvertently between the Public Adviser writing their
18 names down or having someone write their names down, so
19 I am going to continue in the order of the sign-up sheet
20 starting at page 6. If you believe that you haven't
21 been called, I will try and revisit some of the names of
22 people who left at the end to make sure that everybody
23 has the opportunity to speak.

24 As a reminder, I'll call up two speakers. The
25 first speaker come to the microphone, the second speaker

1 please come to the third row, and don't forget to spell
2 your name, and I apologize again if I mispronounce your
3 name.

4 Josie Alves and Jennifer Badgley.

5 MS. ALVES: Hello. My name is Josie Alves,
6 Josie, J-o-s-i-e, Alves, A-l-v-e-s. I work at Oak Park
7 Elementary School. I have worked for San Diego Unified
8 for over 34 years. I am with San Diego -- I am the
9 California School Employees Association.

10 If AT&T and T-Mobile are permitted to merge,
11 AT&T has stated it will be able to offer quicker and
12 more access internet to more area in the county,
13 particularly rural and underprivileged areas,
14 communities. This will provide opportunities for more
15 students to better their education and ensure their
16 future.

17 Also, access to the internet gives students
18 and families the power to learn about opportunities that
19 they will not otherwise have the opportunity. We all
20 know that schools throughout California are struggling
21 because of the budget cuts. With better internet
22 access, educators will have more of a tool that will
23 need to help keep these students get their -- keep these
24 students get and stay on their right track. This is an
25 investment in our future. Please support the merger.

1 Thank you very much.

2 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

3 Jennifer Badgley, Gerald Hampton.

4 MS. BADGLEY: Jennifer Badgley, B-a-d-g-l-e-y,
5 with the International Brotherhood of Electrical
6 Workers, IBW, and we are here tonight in support of this
7 deal and hope that you will send our recommendation on
8 to the federal government as they begin their review.

9 And as has already been said -- we represent
10 workers in San Diego County and in Imperial County.
11 Imperial County is a more rural county. Its
12 unemployment leads the nation. There's also less access
13 to internet and telephone services, especially ones that
14 are reliable, as we experienced during the earthquake a
15 couple of years ago.

16 And as California -- our recovery continues to
17 lag the rest of the country, T-Mobile -- AT&T is a good
18 union employer, and they will create more -- this merger
19 will create more jobs and give T-Mobile employees the
20 ability to collectively bargain with an employer, which
21 is critical in creating good jobs.

22 And just one aspect of jobs that I want to
23 touch on that no one else has touched on here is that we
24 also represent a lot of construction employers --
25 employees who are contract workers, and so they will be

1 sent to, often, remote areas of the state under
2 hazardous and dangerous conditions to fix power -- power
3 lines and telephone lines. And a good thing about
4 having AT&T as an employer is that because of collective
5 bargaining and because of their commitment to health and
6 safety, we know even though electrical work will always
7 be dangerous, that this -- it's a much better employer
8 to be dispatched to than some other employers, so in
9 terms of health and safety, we also think the merger is
10 a positive thing for California workers.

11 Thank you.

12 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

13 Gerald Hampton followed by Kathie Hardie.

14 MR. HAMPTON: Madame Chairperson, good
15 evening. My name is Gerald Hampton, and that's spelled
16 G-e-r-a-l-d, H-a-m-p-t-o-n.

17 I am here this evening speaking in support of
18 the meeting. I am here representing the North San Diego
19 County NAACP, which is the National Association for the
20 Advancement of Colored People.

21 You may be aware that the Chairman of the FCC
22 received a letter signed by 17 organizations
23 representing the African American community consisting
24 of over 40 million members also in support of this. One
25 of those organizations was, in fact, the NAACP.

1 Now, kind of a truth of disclosure statement,
2 I don't represent all those organizations, but I do
3 represent the North San Diego County branch of the
4 NAACP. Currently, as we speak, the national convention
5 is going on up in Los Angeles. I was there last night
6 and I'll be going back tomorrow morning, but I wanted to
7 come down here and speak before this committee, and I
8 can tell you one of the initiatives and strategies for
9 the organization is involving technology because we see
10 this as an opportunity to close a digital divide, as
11 well as provide access.

12 Now, let me kind of bring it home a little bit
13 closer because that's truly what is important to us
14 here, and for our particular North San Diego County
15 branch, at the branch level of the NAACP, we're all
16 100 percent volunteers, so what that means to us is
17 things that provide an economy of scale effective and
18 efficient ways of communicating to our membership is
19 extremely important to us. At the branch, I serve as
20 the secretary and I'm also a technology professional,
21 and at the branch I serve as their technology manager,
22 so the opportunities for this merger to provide those
23 technologies that will enhance our abilities are greatly
24 appealing to us.

25 And lastly, I'd like to just say that with

1 AT&T, our experience has been that they not only talk
2 the talk, they walk the walk. They've been a great
3 supporter.

4 So with that, like I said, we support the
5 merger, and I thank you for this opportunity to speak.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Kathie Hardie followed by Reverend Bruce
8 Jackson.

9 MS. HARDIE: My name is Kathie Hardie,
10 K-a-t-h-i-e, H-a-r-d-i-e. I'm a dual wireless
11 subscriber and have been for about 13 years, a few less
12 with T-Mobile, more with AT&T. I have kids. Need I say
13 more? I find the AT&T service, quality and coverage
14 area to be superior technology, and I support this
15 merger. AT&T is a company I can trust.

16 Thank you.

17 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

18 Reverend Bruce Jackson followed by Timothy
19 Tardibono.

20 MR. JACKSON: Bruce Jackson, B-r-u-c-e,
21 J-a-c-k-s-o-n. Good evening. I stand before you as a
22 concerned citizen.

23 My issue is that there is a public benefit
24 actually to the merger when we speak of impact, not just
25 the impact of service, but also with communications. I

1 was an active citizen involved in getting a shopping
2 center built in our community where we actually got a
3 shopping center instead of a warehouse brought to our
4 community, so we already were able to generate income
5 for our community, and it's also not only a resident-led
6 project but it's also a resident-invested project.

7 And one of the businesses housed in that
8 project is actually T-Mobile. And the way that people
9 were able to actually get services and have those
10 services conducted right within their community, I would
11 hope that that accessibility is still available through
12 AT&T. I would also help -- hope that affordability will
13 continue to be available through AT&T. I'm a supporter
14 of it because people of color, low income people within
15 the urban area actually are using cell phones, texting,
16 social networking all with one mobile device.

17 Thank you.

18 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

19 Timothy Tardibono followed by Marco Cortes.

20 MR. TARDIBONO: Hi. My name is Timothy
21 Tardibono, T-i-m-o-t-h-y, Tardibono, T-a-r-d-i-b-o-n o.

22 I'm with Connect, and when you go through the
23 legal implications that you talked about, "Is it in the
24 public interest, is it good for the economy of
25 California, is it good for competition?" I think you've

1 heard tonight that clearly there are some definite yeses
2 to some of those questions.

3 We, Connect is based out of the University of
4 -- UCSD where we help technology startup companies grow
5 to sustainability. We're a non-profit organization.
6 We've been around out of UCSD since 1985 and have helped
7 more than 2,000 companies grow. Our mission is to
8 propel creative ideas and emerging technologies to the
9 market place, and we think this merger will actually
10 improve that mission because of the new spectrum
11 allocation that is available.

12 As you know, one of the drivers to this merger
13 is that AT&T is sort of capped-out on its ability to
14 access 4G service. Verizon is already deploying that.
15 Other parts of the world are already deploying that.
16 And because of the symmetry between AT&T and T-Mobile's
17 technologies, they're able to start deploying 4G
18 technology all across the U.S. and here in California.
19 They will be able to provide a million new Californians
20 and 30,000 square miles of new service.

21 What we feel for the innovation community is
22 that that is a million new Californians 30,000 miles of
23 area that could develop new startups. As we know,
24 California is one of the leaders, not only in this
25 country but in the world of innovation, and the

1 opportunity to have new entrepreneurs, new companies
2 grow because of this increased access to spectrum will
3 really help the California economy and help us move to a
4 national recovery.

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

7 Marco Cortes followed by Dina Chavez.

8 MR. CORTES: Good evening. My name is Marco
9 Polo Cortes, and it's C-o-r-t-e-s, and I'm here to speak
10 in support of the merger.

11 I'm a local business person and my job
12 requires me to travel all over the state of California.
13 I believe that not only business owners, such as myself,
14 but consumers will benefit from strong coverage because
15 of this meeting. I urge you to support it.

16 Thank you so much.

17 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

18 MS. CHAVEZ: Good evening. My name is Dina
19 Chavez, D-i-n-a, C-h-a-v-e-z, and I'm with South Bay
20 Community Services, a non-profit organization based out
21 of the South Bay, and we serve primarily minority and
22 low income families.

23 We're here to support the AT&T merger, but,
24 most importantly, we are here to demonstrate the amount
25 of support that AT&T provides the community. AT&T has

1 been a tremendous financial supporter of South Bay
2 Community Services. Through their support, they have
3 been able to help children of Mi Escuelita, which is a
4 preschool for children who have been exposed to family
5 violence. Their support has helped to provide
6 therapeutic services, shelter and, most importantly, to
7 further prevent family violence, so we, once again, urge
8 you to support the AT&T merger.

9 Thank you.

10 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

11 Michael Rennie followed by Andrew Lanez.

12 MR. RENNIE: Thanks. My name is Michael
13 Rennie, M-i-c-h-a-e-a-l, R-e-n-n-i-e. I'm an employee
14 of the Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation
15 that does receive some funding from AT&T, but I stand
16 here today representing myself and representing a
17 subscriber to a competing network.

18 The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile does not
19 represent the end of competition in the market place.
20 In fact, it creates an enhanced market place. We all
21 still have other options should we want them. This is
22 in no way a monopoly and I would, therefore, like to
23 encourage you to promote growth in the market place by
24 supporting this merger.

25 Thank you.

1 JUDGE MacDONALD: Thank you.

2 Andrew Lanez followed by Joon Han, Jackie
3 Carreon and Ginno Carreon.

4 THE WITNESS: Thanks, first of all, for coming
5 to San Diego. Thank you for caring about us.

6 I was just for fun going to oppose the merger,
7 but it seems like -- just for kicks, but it seems
8 like -- because everyone is such in support of this
9 thing, but my name is Joon Han, J-o-o-n, last name
10 H-a-n. And I'm the founding president of San Diego
11 South Chamber of Commerce, also a recent appointee to
12 the NAAC board. I don't know if that gives me less
13 time, but really into our time here, I also lead a
14 non-profit in City Heights here in San Diego, which is
15 made primarily of refugee families to the concentration
16 that we actually make San Diego the global capital for
17 refugee resettlement.

18 And it seems like a no-brainer. If I had to
19 choose -- someone's going to buy T-Mobile and kind of a
20 slice of the market, and if I had to choose between some
21 of the other folks out there or someone like AT&T that
22 has basically shown through time and money that they not
23 only care about giving back to the community through all
24 the grants that you've been hearing in this room, but
25 also specifically actually they recruit for jobs in our