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FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN STATEMENT ON AT&T AND BELLSOUTH MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to the merger announcement by AT&T and BellSouth, Chairman Kevin J. Martin said,

"I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Commission to review the applications expeditiously once they are filed. The FCC's primary responsibility is to determine whether the proposed transaction is in the best interest of consumers. We will carefully weigh the information presented, examining any allegations of specific harm in individual markets and the potential benefits for the deployment of new services."

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