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STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL REGARDING AT&T INC. AND BELLSOUTH CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL (WC DOCKET NO. 06-74)

The following statement can be attributed to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:

"This evening, the FCC General Counsel, Samuel Feder, notified me that, in his opinion, I am authorized to participate in the AT&T-BellSouth merger proceeding. I am reviewing his opinion.

In addition, I look forward to receiving a copy of Mr. Feder's response to the letter of December 5 from Representatives Dingell and Markey. In the meantime, I strongly urge the participating parties and my four colleagues to resolve their differences in the same amicable and unified manner they did in the similar merger between SBC and AT&T just last year."

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