

Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500 Internet: http://www.fcc.gov TTY: 1-888-835-5322

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC. 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 8, 2006

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Brigid Calamis (202) 418-2200

## 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."

- FCC -