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## FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN STATEMENT ON DECISION OF GENERAL COUNSEL IN AT&T/BELLSOUTH MERGER PROCEEDING

The following is a statement from FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin on the decision by General Counsel Sam Feder authorizing Commissioner McDowell to participate in the Commission's decision on the AT&T/BellSouth merger proceeding:

"I appreciate the hard work and careful consideration that went into this important decision by the General Counsel. It is in the interest of the government and the American people to move this matter forward in a timely fashion. To that end, I look forward to working with all of my colleagues here on the Commission to reach a consensus."