

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

Adopted: December 22, 2000
Released: December 28, 2000

Ms. Cassandra Carr
Senior Executive Vice President – External Affairs
SBC Communications, Inc.
175 E. Houston Street
San Antonio, TX 78205

RE: *SBC/Ameritech Merger Order*, CC Docket No. 98-141, ASD File No. 99-49

Dear Ms. Carr:

This letter terminates Phase 2 of the collaborative sessions to develop enhancements to advanced services operational support systems (“OSS”) required under the *SBC/Ameritech Merger Order*.¹ On October 18, 2000, the Common Carrier Bureau (“Bureau”) released a letter authorizing arbitration on two issues.² Since that time, the competitive local exchange carriers (“CLECs”) participating in these collaborative sessions have declined arbitration. The Phase 2 collaborative sessions are terminated effective December 22, 2000.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. You may also contact Anthony Dale in the Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-2260 for further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol E. Matthey
Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

¹ Applications of Ameritech Corp., Transferor, and SBC Communications, Inc., Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Lines Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 5, 22, 24, 25, 63, 90, 95, and 101 of the Commission’s Rules, CC Docket 98-141, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 14 FCC Rcd 14712 (1999) (“*SBC/Ameritech Merger Order*”), *appeal pending sub nom.*

² Letter from Carol E. Matthey, Deputy Bureau Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, to Cassandra Carr, Senior Executive Vice President, SBC Communications, Inc., DA 00-00-2346 (rel. Oct. 18, 2000).