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Michael J. Copps  
Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners Copps and Adelstein:

Thank you for your letter concerning next steps for moving forward with the Commission's review of the pending application for transfer of control filed by AT&T and BellSouth.

As referenced in your letter, proposals were put forward at your request in order to address concerns you expressed concerning the transaction. In keeping with the Commission's ex parte rules, I understand that the applicants will update the record to reflect their efforts to respond to your requests.

Responding to the recommendations you put forth in your letter, this proceeding will be taken off of Sunshine to give you more time to evaluate the proposals. I note that many of them have previously been filed by other parties and have been commented upon already. In any event, I have instructed staff to place these proposals out for public comment for a period of ten days.

I share your desire to proceed on an expedited basis. To this end, to the extent that you have additional concerns, I trust that you will extend us the courtesy of raising them as soon as possible to avoid any further delay in our consideration of this transaction.

Finally, I have scheduled an open meeting of the Commission for November 3<sup>rd</sup> where we could consider this application again to the extent that the Commission has not completed its review of this transaction before then.

I too believe that our recent dialogue has been constructive. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Martin".

Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman