

BELLSOUTH CORP  
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**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**  
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**Tennessee Regulatory Authority votes to approve merger a message from Dickens**

Dear BellSouth Colleague,

Today, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority voted to approve the AT&T/BellSouth merger with no conditions. This is an important step in the merger process, which will culminate with a decision by the Federal Communications Commission later this year.

This union combines two well-respected companies with complementary strengths and two great brands to create a communications industry leader in wireline, wireless and broadband solutions, as well as directory advertising and publishing.

This combination is good for our employees, our customers, and our shareowners and builds on the tradition of community service of both companies.

We will keep you informed of further developments in the merger process.

Marty Dickens

BellSouth-TN, President

**NOTE: In connection with the proposed merger, AT&T Inc. ( AT&T ) filed a registration statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-132904), containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus of AT&T and BellSouth Corporation ( BellSouth ), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) which was declared effective on June 2, 2006. Investors are urged to read the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus contained therein (including all amendments and supplements to it) because it contains important information.** Investors may obtain free copies of the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about AT&T and BellSouth, without charge, at the SEC's Web site ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Copies of AT&T's filings may also be obtained without charge from AT&T at AT&T's Web site ([www.att.com](http://www.att.com)) or by directing a request to AT&T Inc. Stockholder Services, 175 E. Houston, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Copies of BellSouth's filings may be obtained without charge from BellSouth at BellSouth's Web site ([www.bellsouth.com](http://www.bellsouth.com)) or by directing a request to BellSouth at Investor Relations, 1155 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.