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Media Montage: AT&T, BellSouth to merge

Video Script

Audio

Music Up Continues
throughout
Brian Williams: AT&T is
paying \$67 billion for
BellSouth, and while this new
company will be a phone
company, it s about so much
more.

Video

AT&T Logo appears
BellSouth Logo appears
NBC Nightly News
March 6, 2006

Monday March 6, 2006
Financial Times-USA Edition

BellSouth bought for \$67 billion
· AT&T acquisition set to spark US telecoms upheaval
· Pressure now on Verizon
· Consolidation looms for equipment makers
By James Politi in Washington

Monday March 6, 2006
Financial Times-USA Edition

The long-expected move will see AT&T consolidate its position as the largest US carrier and take full control of Cingular, the two companies fast-growing wireless joint venture.

Monday March 6, 2006
Financial Times-USA Edition

Market Value (\$bn), Mar 3, 2006
AT&T 110.41
Verizon 99.15
Sprint Nextel 68.56
BellSouth 56.56
Alltel 24.63
Qwest 12.32

Duane Ackerman: I think after
a decade of change and
sometimes turmoil, we now
know that we are at the
beginning of a great new day of
telecommunications in
America, and to help turn this
promise into reality, AT&T and
BellSouth are joining together
to create a new company for a
new day.

Duane Ackerman,
Chairman and CEO, BellSouth Corporation

Telecom Next, March 21, 2006

Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Monday, March 6, 2006

AT&T to buy BellSouth
Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Monday, March 6, 2006

Q: What is the impact on consumers?

A: Consumers here could see cheaper high-speed Internet service and a faster rollout of Internet TV, and benefit from a showdown between big phone and cable companies.

Anne Thompson: AT&T's acquisition of BellSouth will give it 71 million local phone customers, 54 million wireless subscribers, 9.8 million broadband customers in 22 states.

Charles W. Jones/staff
NBC Nightly News
March 6, 2006

The Wall Street Journal
Monday, March 6, 2006

\$67 Billion Deal Sets Field For a Race With Cable Over Phones and TV An
Explosion of Technology
The Wall Street Journal
Monday, March 6, 2006

A Reborn AT&T to Buy BellSouth
The Wall Street Journal
Monday, March 6, 2006

Caller ID

What both sides bring to the table in the proposed AT&T/BellSouth deal.

BellSouth brings:

- High-tech networks in the south
- New consumer market
- Business customers
- Wireless customers

AT&T brings:

- Nascent TV business
- Huge corporate customer base
- Wireless customers

Other Benefits:

- Unites the two owners of Cingular Wireless
- Big infrastructure cost saving

Rich Noonan: AT&T officials will expect this merger will save the company \$2 billion a year increasing to \$3 billion a year by 2010.

By Dionne Searcey, staff
Almar Latour and Dennis K. Berman
WGCL-TV Atlanta CBS Affiliate, 46 News at 6:00
March 6, 2006

The New York Times
Business Day
Monday, March 6, 2006

AT&T Buying BellSouth
A Giant Phone Company Moves to Stay in Front of a Fractured Field

Ed Whitacre Jr: This merger will create a strong national and global competitor, better positioned to innovate and deliver new services to both businesses and consumers.

By Ken Belson
Ed Whitacre Jr.,
Chairman and CEO, AT&T Inc.

Telecom Next
March 21, 2006

The Wall Street Journal

A \$67 billion deal to buy BellSouth Corp. puts AT&T back on top of the telephone industry...

Ronald Frieson: If you look at the history of AT&T and what they've been able to do, and a lot of analysts and a lot of people have reported on this, they have seen reduced bills.

By Dionne Searcey, staff
Almar Latour and Dennis K. Berman
WSB-TV Atlanta ABC Affiliate, Channel 2
Action News
March 6, 2006

USA Today
By Leslie Cauley

With BellSouth in its pocket, AT&T would extend its lead as the USA's undisputed No. 1 communications company and gain full control of the largest wireless phone provider.

Since people will be choosing one company for so many services, competition will pay off for the customers.

Jaye Watson, General Assignment Reporter WXIA-TV Atlanta NBC Affiliate, 11 Alive News
March 6, 2006

Jeff Kagan: We want there to be very vibrant competition. We want them both to be happy and healthy and competing for the customers because then the prices go down and innovation goes up.

Jeff Kagan, Telecom Industry Analyst WXIA-TV Atlanta NBC Affiliate, 11 Alive News
March 6, 2006

Music

Fast montage of video of consumers using phones, PDAs, computers, and employees working on the Network
AT&T logo and BellSouth logo appear

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) on March 31, 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). Copies of AT&T's filings may also be obtained without charge from AT&T at AT&T's Web site (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) or by directing a request to BellSouth at Investor Relations, 1155 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

AT&T, BellSouth and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees are potential participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed merger. Information regarding AT&T's directors and executive officers is available in AT&T's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2006 and AT&T's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on March 10, 2006, and information regarding BellSouth's directors and executive officers is available in BellSouth's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2006 and BellSouth's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the SEC on March 3, 2006. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants is included in the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus contained therein, and other relevant documents filed with the SEC.