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The following voicemail was sent by F. Duane Ackerman to the employees of BellSouth in connection with the proposed acquisition by AT&T Inc.

Broadcast voice mail to employees
March 5, 2006

This is Duane Ackerman. On Sunday, March 5, we announced that BellSouth will merge with AT&T. For all of us, this announcement is the result of a lot of hard work, pride, commitment to excellence and determination. We have built a strong, successful company focused on superior customer service, innovative products and services, reliable network service and making our communities better places to live and work.

I know this will be a time of uncertainty, and we're going to focus on answering your questions during the coming days and months.

I hope you will see this as a time of opportunity as well, because joining AT&T allows us to build on what we have already accomplished. And by taking advantage of this opportunity, we will create additional opportunities to take our company to exciting new levels of innovation, accomplishment and success.

I want you to know that I'm proud of who we are. And, I'm excited about where we're going.

NOTE: IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MERGER, AT&T INTENDS TO FILE A REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4, INCLUDING A JOINT PROXY STATEMENT OF AT&T AND BELL SOUTH, AND AT&T AND BELL SOUTH WILL FILE OTHER MATERIALS WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC"). INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT (AND ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO IT) AND OTHER MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors will be able to obtain free copies of the registration and joint proxy statement, when they become available, as well as other filings containing

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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 for free 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 78258. 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, 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 preliminary proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on February 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 will be included in the registration and joint proxy statement, and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available.