

Press Statement of Commissioner James H. Quello

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Earlier today, Chairman Hundt expressed his views on a hypothetical merger between AT&T and a Regional Bell Company.

A Chairman or Commissioner has a right to express his (or her) personal opinion. Personal opinions do not necessarily reflect a full Commission judgment and may be premature for issues that may appear on future FCC agendas.

I personally express no specific views on any merger at this time. I did state several weeks ago that, as a general matter, "Big is not necessarily bad because of the possible economies of scale benefiting the public. However 'huge' requires meticulous consideration."

If and when the hypothetical merger becomes a Commission issue, I will approach it with an open mind without pre-judgment and with a commitment to serving overall public interest.

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