

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

SBC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

and

AT&T CORP.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:05CV02102

Judge: Emmet G. Sullivan

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

and

MCI, INC.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:05CV02103

Judge: Henry H. Kennedy

**ORDER FOR CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIONS FOR PROCEEDINGS UNDER
THE ANTITRUST PROCEDURES AND PENALTY ACT, 15 U.S.C. §§ 16(b)-(h)**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on Plaintiff United States' Uncontested Motion for Consolidation of United States v. SBC Communications, Inc. & AT&T Corp., (No. 1:05CV02102) (Dist. D.C., filed October 27, 2005) with United States v. Verizon

Communications, Inc. & MCI, Inc., (No. 1:05CV02103) (Dist. D.C., filed October 27, 2005)

requesting consolidation of these proceedings under the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 16(b)-(h) (the “APPA”); and

IT APPEARING THAT consolidation is in the interests of efficiency and judicial economy;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

United States v. SBC Communications, Inc. & AT&T Corp., (No. 1:05CV02102) (Dist. D.C., filed October 27, 2005) and United States v. Verizon Communications, Inc. & MCI, Inc., (No. 1:05CV02103) (Dist. D.C., filed October 27, 2005) shall be consolidated pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for purposes of proceedings under the APPA and assigned to: _____, United States District Judge.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE