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JUNE 11, 2002

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[ADDITIONAL SCRIPT MATERIAL]

- \* Target Time: 15 seconds
- \* Hello. I'm Mike Armstrong, Chairman and CEO of AT&T, and I'd like to welcome you to our Global Equity Offering roadshow presentation.
- \* Total Presentation Target Time: [x] minutes

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INTRODUCTION  
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- o J. Michael Cook  
Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Deloitte & Touche LLP
  
- o Louis A. Simpson  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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GEICO Corporation

- o Charles H. Noski  
Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer  
AT&T
  
- o Marilyn J. Wasser  
Vice President - Law and Secretary  
AT&T
  
- o Connie K. Weaver  
Vice President - Investor Relations  
AT&T
  
- o Richard D. Katcher  
Partner  
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

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### AGENDA

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- o AT&T Restructuring Overview
- o Review of AT&T Comcast Transaction
- o Current Shareowner Proposals
  - \* AT&T Comcast
    - Merger Agreement
    - Charter Proposal (Governance)
  - \* Consumer Tracking Stock Proposal
  - \* Reverse Stock Split
  - \* Shareholder Proposals

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AT&T RESTRUCTURING OVERVIEW

- o Announced October 2000
- o Objectives:
  - \* Build long-term shareholder value by positioning each company to succeed independently
  - \* Enhance focus and financial flexibility for all businesses
- o Substantial deleveraging: achieved nearly \$22B of net debt reduction in 2001

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CHANGE IN TELECOM INDUSTRY

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[BAR GRAPH]

IXC's

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AT&T -15% (estimate)  
WorldCom -90% (estimate)  
MCI -80% (estimate)  
Sprint -26% (estimate)

Transport Providers

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\*Global Crossing -100% (estimate)  
\*Williams Comm. -99% (estimate)  
Level 3 -95% (estimate)

CLEC's

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\*Teligent -99% (estimate)  
\*Winstar -99% (estimate)

RBOC's

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SBC -37% (estimate)  
Verizon -27% (estimate)  
BellSouth -34% (estimate)  
Qwest -90% (estimate)

Wireless

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AT&T Wireless -60% (estimate)  
Sprint PCS -64% (estimate)  
Nextel -86% (estimate)  
Vodafone -66 (estimate)

(AT&T, WorldCom, MCI, Sprint, Level 3, SBC, Verizon, BellSouth, Qwest,  
AT&T Wireless, Sprint PCS, Nextel, Vodafone:% Change in Stock Prices from  
January 1, 2001

Note: Historical prices have been adjusted for spin-offs and divestitures  
(i.e., AT&T Wireless from AT&T).

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\* Bankrupt

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## AT&T DELEVERAGING PROGRAM

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AT&T Consolidated  
Net Debt (1)  
(Dollars in Billions)

2Q00	51.3 billion	
3Q00	55.4 billion	
AT&T announces restructuring		
4Q00	56.2 billion	
1Q01	47.5 billion	
2Q01	43.6 billion	
3Q01	38.5 billion	
4Q01	34.3 billion	
1Q02	34.4 billion	Net Debt To Be Assumed by AT&T Comcast Corp (~ \$17B)

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AT&T Comcast transaction is a significant element of AT&T's  
on-going deleveraging program  
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(1) Net of monetizations and cash; figures presented through 2Q01 include debt  
from discontinued operations.

AT&T COMCAST TRANSACTION IMPROVES  
AT&T'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH

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Net Debt / EBITDA (1)

Q	3.674
Sprint	3.448
WCOM Inc.	2.755
AT&T	2.549
Pro Forma AT&T	1.5
VZ	2.137
BLS	1.264
SBC	1.275

Source: Company filings.

Note: AT&T EBITDA excludes other (expense) income and pretax net (losses) earnings related to equity investments and includes Excite@Home minority interest. Pro Forma AT&T reflects spin-off of AT&T Broadband.

(1) Net debt as of March 31, 2002. EBITDA figures are LTM to March 31, 2002.

AT&T COMCAST TRANSACTION TIMELINE

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[CHART]

May 2001

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\* AT&T files preliminary proxy for Restructuring

June 2001

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- \* Comcast initiates discussions regarding potential combination
- \* AT&T Board meeting - discussions should continue only if economic and corporate governance concerns addressed

July 2001

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- \* Comcast sends unsolicited offer letter; AT&T Board reviews
- \* Proposal rejected due to economic and corporate governance concerns
- \* AT&T Board directs management to explore alternatives

September 2001

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- \* Multiple confidentiality agreements signed
- \* AT&T Board reviews status
- \* Meetings with Comcast and other interested parties

October 2001

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- \* AT&T pursues best shareholder value option
- \* Considers transactions and other strategic alternatives
- \* Focus on value, governance and execution certainty

December 2001

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- \* AT&T Board reviews bids - again determined insufficient
- \* Revised bids with improved economic and corporate governance terms
- \* AT&T Board reviews all alternatives, selects Comcast as best alternative for value, governance and execution certainty

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### AT&T COMCAST TRANSACTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

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- o Very active and on-going Board involvement
- o Successfully executed a very competitive process to achieve the best economics and corporate governance
- o Continuously received institutional investors' views and presented them to the Board
- o Significant cross-ownership exists between AT&T and Comcast shareowner base
- o Investors were focused on strategic and economic benefits of a combination; expressed view that governance should not be a barrier to deal execution

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Process yielded a transaction with superior economics and greatly  
improved governance features  
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INDEPENDENCE OF  
AT&T'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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- o The Board that voted on all aspects of the Comcast merger was 100% independent with the exception of C. Michael Armstrong

Board Members -----	Professional Affiliation -----
J. Michael Cook	Retired Chairman and CEO, Deloitte & Touche LLP
Kenneth T. Derr	Retired Chairman, Chevron Corporation
M. Kathryn Eickhoff	President of Eickhoff Economics, Inc.
George M. C. Fisher	Retired Chairman and CEO, Eastman Kodak Company
Amos B. Hostetter, Jr.	Chairman, Pilot House Associates
Shirley A. Jackson, Ph.D.	President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Donald F. McHenry	President, IRC Group; former U.S. Ambassador
Louis A. Simpson	President and CEO, GEICO Corporation
Michael I. Sovern	President Emeritus, Columbia University
Sanford I. Weill	Chairman and CEO, Citigroup, Inc.

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AT&T COMCAST TRANSACTION SUMMARY  
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- o Merger between Comcast and AT&T Broadband
- o Tax-free spin-off to shareholders
- o Values AT&T Broadband at \$72 billion, implying \$4,500 per subscriber\*
- o AT&T shareholders will receive approximately 0.32\*\* of AT&T Comcast Corp shares for each share of AT&T (subject to adjustment)
  - \* AT&T Comcast may be required to issue additional shares if the class of AT&T Comcast common stock received by AT&T shareholders is not included in the S&P 500
- o AT&T shareholders will own 54.8% of the economics and 60.6% of the vote of the new company under the preferred structure

\* Value from December 20, 2001 announcement.

\*\* Adjusted for June 2002 equity offering of approximately 230 million AT&T common shares.

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MERGER CREATES THE LEADING ENTERTAINMENT,  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COMPANY

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Pro forma Revenue: \$19.7B  
Pro forma EBITDA: \$4.8B

[MAP OF THE UNITED STATES]

Seattle	1.0
Portland	0.4
Salt Lake City	0.3
Sacramento	0.6
Bay Area	1.8
Los Angeles	0.5
Denver	0.6
Twin Cities	0.3
Dallas	0.6
Chicago	1.7
Detroit	1.0
Nashville	0.3
Atlanta	0.6
Jacksonville	0.3
Miami	0.8
Harrisburg	0.5

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Pittsburg	0.6
Baltimore/ Washington	1.5
Philadelphia	1.8
NY/NJ/CT	0.8
Boston/Hartford	2.2

- o Creates most attractive, highly-clustered cable footprint with 38M homes passed and 22M subscribers
- o Potential for scaling new and innovative products and services to consumers (telephony, high-speed internet, video-on-demand)
- o Experienced management and employees
- o Financial strength and flexibility

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 New company represents the superior value opportunity for shareholders  
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Note: Financial data from page III-7 of May 14, 2002 proxy; EBITDA excludes other income, pretax equity earnings (losses), asset impairment, restructuring and other charges.

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### IMPROVED ECONOMICS FOR AT&T SHAREHOLDERS

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	Original Proposal (July) -----	Final Proposal (December) -----	Additional Value for AT&T Shareholders (\$B) -----
Comcast Shares Issued	1.0525B	1.235B	\$ 7.1 (1)
Debt and Other Liabilities Assumed	\$13.5B	\$24.9B	11.4
Other Assets Acquired		Time Warner Entertainment	TBD

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### Implied Per Subscriber Valuation for AT&T Broadband

July 2001	----->	December 2001
\$3,700 - \$4,000		\$4,500

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(1) Based on December 19, 2001 closing Comcast stock price of \$38.07.

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### IMPROVED CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FOR AT&T COMCAST SHAREHOLDERS

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#### Comcast

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- o Roberts family has 3% of stock but 87% of vote
- o Roberts family controls all matters requiring shareholder approval
- o Comcast shareholders have few corporate governance-based rights

#### AT&T Comcast

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- o Roberts family voting rights limited to 33% of voting rights
- o For 10 years:
  - \* Roberts family cannot receive a control premium not shared with public shareholders
  - \* Roberts family cannot sell shares outside family without approval of public shareholders
- o Majority of Board to consist of independent directors
- o For 2005 election and beyond, independent directors are the majority of the nominating committee
- o Shareholders have right to elect all directors after first full year of new Company's operations
- o Annual election of all directors (67% of S&P 500 companies have staggered elections)

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- o Shareholders have ability to nominate and replace directors

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### RISKS OF VOTING AGAINST THE AT&T COMCAST CHARTER PROVISION

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- o Voting down the charter provision effectively terminates the merger
- o Failure to complete merger leaves AT&T with a large debt burden
- o Alternative debt-reduction strategies could result in lower value for AT&T shareholders, have onerous tax consequences, and have execution risk
- o Other strategic alternatives offered less attractive economics and corporate governance, and higher execution risks
- o No assurance that Comcast will renegotiate charter provisions

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### AT&T CONSUMER TRACKING STOCK PROPOSAL

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- o Maximize value to shareholders by creation of separate securities for distinctly different businesses
  - \* Consumer - income-oriented investors
  - \* Business - value-oriented investors
- o Due to regulatory and financial limitations, tracking stock was best alternative
- o Anticipated to be a tax-free distribution to shareholders; not a targeted public offering
- o Issue when and if appropriate market receptivity exists
- o Expected to have a meaningful dividend
- o No negative corporate governance tie-ins bundled into creation of tracking stock

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- \* Tracking stock incentive thresholds and employee stock purchase plans meet ISS guidelines
- o Voting rights balanced to economic interest

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DIFFERENTIATION OF  
AT&T CONSUMER SERVICES

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Business Strategy /  
Growth Initiatives

- o Strategic standalone business with industry-leading assets

Management

- o Includes complete leadership team, including CEO; extensive experience in relevant industries

Financial Strength

- o Prudent capitalization; strong balance sheet of parent

Dividend Policy

- o 2/3rds of current dividends would be allocated to tracking stock

Operating Performance

- o Consistently met or exceeded expectations

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REVERSE STOCK SPLIT

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- o 1-for-5 reverse stock split reduces shares outstanding from 3.6 billion to approximately 700 million
- \* Shares outstanding will be in line with level prior to cable acquisitions

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- \* Targeted for implementation concurrent with the close of the AT&T Comcast transaction
- \* Authorized common shares proportionately reduced to eliminate excess issuable shares
- o Maintains maximum flexibility for institutional holders
- o Brings stock price in line with other companies in broad market indices

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### CONCLUSION: AT&T RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS SUMMARY

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- o AT&T Comcast provides AT&T shareholders with best value and future growth prospects for AT&T Broadband business
- o AT&T Comcast merger results in best deleveraging outcome for the remaining AT&T enterprise and best foundation for shareholder value creation
- o Consumer Services Tracking Stock offers potential value in appropriate market conditions, and provides greater transparency to distinctly different businesses
- o AT&T Comcast and Tracking Stock governance issues were carefully considered and addressed by the AT&T Board of Directors
- o Failure to support AT&T Comcast charter puts shareholders at risk

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We urge AT&T shareholders to vote FOR  
the restructuring proposals

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