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TO: Ms. Linda Senecal, FCC
FROM: Tara C. Woods
RE: AOL-TimeWarner merger
Public comment
DATE: April 26, 2000

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Senecal:

I have attached my comments regarding the AOL-TimeWarner merger. I thank you very much for taking the time to assist me with this, and I hope you will feel free to contact me if there are any problems.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tara C. Woods

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To Whom it may concern:

I am currently a MediaOne cable customer, but I have strong opinions on the TimeWarner-AOL merger in large part because I used to be a TimeWarner cable customer. Without my consent or input, TimeWarner traded my account to MediaOne late last year, and this behavior is something that can only be done in a non-competitive marketplace. It's as if I woke up one morning and was told I was forbidden to use Sprint because they had traded my account to Verizon.

To think that this type of behavior will now be passed onto the internet marketplace is upsetting to say the least. That there is any question regarding the anti-competitive nature of such a merger is inconceivable. People do not have a choice of cable providers. It is that simple. Cable companies are monopolies within their operating spheres, and the transitive property requires that AOL will become a monopoly, as well.

I won't even begin to bore you with the problems I have encountered with my cable company, problems that cannot occur in a competitive marketplace. I simply beg of you to not inflict these problems on consumers in a second arena. I do not like being put in the position of begging, but that appears to be the only action an average consumer can take.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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