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Washington, D.C. 20549**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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**Form S-4**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its certificate of incorporation)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**4813**

*(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)*

**43-1301883**

*(IRS Employer  
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**The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT DATED APRIL 20, 2005 SUBJECT TO COMPLETION**  
**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS OF SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.** **PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT OF AT&T CORP.**  
April [1], 2005

Dear AT&T Shareholder:

It is a pleasure to invite you to AT&T's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, on [1], 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. local time, at [1].

At the meeting, among other things, you will be asked to adopt the merger agreement that AT&T has entered into with SBC Communications Inc. In the merger, AT&T will merge with a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC and will become a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC. AT&T and SBC believe that the merger will create one of the nation's leading communications companies, with significant national and global reach.

If the merger is completed, AT&T shareholders will receive 0.77942 of a share of SBC common stock for each share of AT&T common stock held immediately prior to the merger. In addition, AT&T will declare a special dividend of \$1.30 per share which it intends to pay, assuming the merger will be completed, on the closing date of the merger. Based on the closing price of \$23.62 per share of SBC common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on January 28, 2005, the last trading day before the public announcement of the merger, the 0.77942 exchange ratio, taken together with the \$1.30 special dividend, represented a total merger consideration of approximately \$19.71 per AT&T share. Based on the closing price of \$[1] per share of SBC common stock on the NYSE on April [1], 2005, the latest practicable date before the printing of this document, the total merger consideration was valued at approximately \$[1] per AT&T share. However, the value of the merger consideration that you will receive for each share of AT&T common stock will depend on the price per share of SBC common stock at the time of the merger. That price is impossible to know at this time, will not be known at the time of the meeting and may be less than the current price or the price at the time of the meeting. Based on the estimated number of shares of AT&T common stock outstanding on the record date for the meeting, SBC expects to issue approximately [1] shares of SBC common stock to AT&T shareholders in connection with the merger. Immediately after the merger, former AT&T shareholders are currently expected to own approximately 16% of the then-outstanding shares of SBC common stock (without giving effect to shares of SBC common stock held by AT&T shareholders prior to the merger).

**After careful consideration, the AT&T board of directors has adopted the merger agreement, declared that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the special dividend, are advisable and recommends that you vote FOR the adoption of the merger agreement.**

The accompanying document provides a detailed description of the proposed merger and the merger consideration. In addition, it provides you with important information regarding the AT&T board of directors and its senior management and other proposals that require your vote, as well as information regarding AT&T's corporate governance practices. I urge you to read the enclosed materials carefully. **Please pay particular attention to the Risk Factors beginning on page 16 for a discussion of the risks related to the merger and owning SBC common stock after the merger.**

**Your vote is very important.** Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, please vote as soon as possible to ensure that your shares are represented at the meeting. Registered and many broker-managed shareholders can vote their shares by using a toll-free telephone number or the Internet. Instructions for using these convenient services are provided on the proxy card. Of course, you may still vote your shares by marking your votes on the proxy card, signing and dating it and mailing it in the envelope provided. If you sign and return your proxy card without specifying your choices, it will be understood that you wish to have your shares voted in accordance with the directors' recommendations.

I look forward to seeing you on [ 1 ] in [ 1 ].

Sincerely,

**David W. Dorman**

*Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
AT&T Corp.*

AT&T common stock is quoted on the NYSE under the symbol T . SBC common stock is quoted on the NYSE under the symbol SBC .

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued in connection with the merger or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**This document is dated [I], 2005 and is expected to be first mailed to AT&T s shareholders on or about [I], 2005.**

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**REFERENCE TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This document incorporates important business and financial information about AT&T and SBC from documents that are not included in or delivered with this document. This information is available to you without charge upon your written or oral request. You can obtain documents related to AT&T and SBC that are incorporated by reference in this document, without charge, by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company.

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Please note that copies of the documents provided to you will not include exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the documents or this document.

**In order to receive timely delivery of requested documents in advance of the annual meeting, you should make your request no later than [I], 2005.**

**See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 144.**

**ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT**

This document, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed with the SEC by SBC (File No. 333-123283), constitutes a prospectus of SBC under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which is referred to in this document as the Securities Act, with respect to the shares of SBC common stock to be issued to the holders of AT&T common stock in connection with the merger. This document also constitutes a proxy statement under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which is referred to in this document as the Exchange Act, and the rules thereunder, and a notice of meeting with respect to AT&T's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, at which, among other things, the holders of AT&T common stock will consider and vote on the adoption of the merger agreement.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The 120th Annual Meeting of Shareholders of AT&T Corp. will be held at the [1], on [1], [1], 2005, at 9:30 a.m. local time, for the following purposes:

to adopt the merger agreement among SBC, AT&T and Merger Sub;

to adjourn the meeting, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies, in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the meeting to adopt the merger agreement;

to elect nine directors;

to ratify the appointment by the Audit Committee of independent auditors to examine AT&T's accounts; and

to conduct any other business, including shareholder proposals, as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

AT&T shareholders at the close of business on [1], 2005, are entitled to vote their proxies. Only AT&T shareholders with an admission ticket or proof of stock ownership will be admitted to the meeting.

Robert S. Feit  
*Vice President Law and Secretary*  
*AT&T Corp.*

[1], 2005

**YOU CAN VOTE IN ONE OF FOUR WAYS:**

- (1) Use the toll-free telephone number on your proxy card to vote by phone;
  - (2) Visit the website noted on your proxy card to vote via the Internet;
  - (3) Sign, date and return your proxy card in the enclosed envelope to vote by mail; or
  - (4) Vote in person at the meeting.
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The following are some of the questions that you, as a shareholder of AT&T, may have and answers to those questions. These questions and answers, as well as the following summary, are not meant to be a substitute for the information contained in the remainder of this document, and this information is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed descriptions and explanations contained elsewhere in this document. We urge you to read this document in its entirety prior to making any decision as to your AT&T common stock.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE AT&T ANNUAL MEETING AND THE MERGER**

**Q1: Why are these proxy materials being sent to AT&T shareholders?**

A1: This document is being provided by, and the enclosed proxy is solicited by and on behalf of, the AT&T board of directors for use at the annual meeting of AT&T shareholders.

**Q2: When and where is the AT&T annual meeting?**

A2: The AT&T annual meeting is scheduled to be held at [I], local time, on [I], 2005 at [I], unless it is postponed or adjourned.

**Q3: What is the purpose of the AT&T annual meeting? What am I voting on?**

A3: The purpose of the annual meeting is to consider and vote upon:  
adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 30, 2005 (referred to in this document as the merger agreement), among SBC, AT&T and Tau Merger Sub Corporation, a newly formed, direct and wholly owned subsidiary of SBC (referred to in this document as Merger Sub) (Proposal 1 on the enclosed proxy card);

adjournment of the meeting, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in favor of adoption of the merger agreement (Proposal 1.a on the enclosed proxy card);

election of nine directors (Proposal 2 on the enclosed proxy card);

ratification of the appointment by the Audit Committee of independent auditors (Proposal 3 on the enclosed proxy card); and

action upon such other matters, including shareholder proposals, as may properly come before the meeting (Proposals 4 through 9 on the enclosed proxy card).

**Q4: Who is entitled to vote at the AT&T annual meeting?**

A4: AT&T shareholders of record at the close of business on [I], 2005, the record date for the AT&T annual meeting, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote on matters that come before the annual meeting and any adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting. However, an AT&T shareholder may only vote his or her shares if he or she is present in person or is represented by proxy at the AT&T annual meeting.

**Q5: How do I vote?**

A5: After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this document, please submit your proxy by telephone or Internet in accordance with the instructions set forth in the enclosed proxy card, or fill out, sign and date the proxy card, and then mail your signed proxy card in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible so that your shares may be voted at the annual meeting. For detailed information please see Information about the AT&T Meeting How do I vote? on page 83.

**Q6: How many votes do I have?**

A6: Each share of AT&T common stock that you own as of the record date entitles you to one vote. On the record date, there were [I] outstanding shares of AT&T common stock. On the record date, less than

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1% of the outstanding shares of AT&T common stock were held by directors and executive officers of AT&T and their respective affiliates.

**Q7: What constitutes a quorum at the AT&T annual meeting?**

A7: The presence of the holders of 40 percent of the shares entitled to vote at the AT&T annual meeting constitutes a quorum. Presence may be in person or by proxy. You will be considered part of the quorum if you return a signed and dated proxy card, if you vote by telephone or the Internet, or if you vote in person at the annual meeting.

Abstentions and shares voted by a bank or broker holding shares for a beneficial owner are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

**Q8: What vote is required to approve each proposal? What is the effect of not voting?**

A8: ***To adopt the merger agreement:*** the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of outstanding shares of AT&T common stock entitled to vote is required to adopt the merger agreement.

**Because the affirmative vote required to adopt the merger agreement is based upon the total number of outstanding shares of AT&T common stock, the failure to submit a proxy card (or to submit a proxy by telephone or by Internet or to vote in person at the annual meeting) or the abstention from voting by a shareholder will have the same effect as a vote against adoption of the merger agreement.** Brokers holding shares of AT&T common stock as nominees will not have discretionary authority to vote those shares in the absence of instructions from the beneficial owners of those shares, so the failure to provide voting instructions to your broker will also have the same effect as a vote against the merger.

***Election of directors:*** the nine nominees who receive the most votes cast by AT&T shareholders present in person at the meeting or represented by proxy will be elected. Any AT&T shares not voted (whether by abstention or otherwise) will have no impact on the vote.

***Ratification of Independent Auditors:*** this proposal requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the votes cast. Any AT&T shares not voted (whether by abstention or otherwise) will have no impact on the vote.

***AT&T shareholder proposals:*** approval of each of the six AT&T shareholder proposals requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the votes cast. Any AT&T shares not voted (whether by abstention or otherwise) will have no impact on the vote.

**Q9: What are the recommendations of the AT&T board of directors?**

A9: The AT&T board of directors recommends a vote **FOR:**

adoption of the merger agreement;

the election of the nine nominees for director; and

the ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors.

The AT&T board of directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** each of the six AT&T shareholder proposals.

**Q10: What if I return my proxy but do not mark it to show how I am voting?**

A10: If your proxy card is signed and returned without specifying your choices, your shares will be voted according to the recommendations of the AT&T board of directors.

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**Q11: Can I change my vote *after* I have submitted a proxy by telephone or Internet or mailed my signed proxy card?**

A11: Yes. You can change your vote by revoking your proxy at any time before it is exercised at the AT&T annual meeting. You can revoke your proxy in one of four ways:

notify AT&T's Corporate Secretary in writing before the annual meeting that you are revoking your proxy;

submit another proxy with a later date;

vote again by telephone or the Internet; or

vote in person at the annual meeting.

**Q12: What if other items come up at the annual meeting and I am not there to vote?**

A12: When you return a signed and dated proxy card or provide your voting instructions by telephone or the Internet, you give the AT&T proxy committee (the members of which are listed on your proxy card) the discretionary authority to vote on your behalf on any other matter that is properly brought before the annual meeting.

**Q13: If I want to attend the annual meeting, what do I do?**

A13: You must come to [l], [l], at [l], local time, on [l], 2005. For further information please see Information about the AT&T Meeting What do I need to do if I wish to attend the AT&T annual meeting in person? on page 83.

**Q14: Who can help answer my additional questions about the merger or the AT&T annual meeting?**

A14: If you have questions about the merger or the annual meeting, you should contact:

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights selected information about the merger in this document and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should carefully read this entire document and the other documents to which this document refers for a more complete understanding of the matters being considered at the annual meeting. See *Where You Can Find More Information* beginning on page 144. Unless we have stated otherwise, all references in this document to AT&T are to AT&T Corp., all references to SBC are to SBC Communications Inc., all references to Merger Sub are to Tau Merger Sub Corporation, and all references to the merger agreement are to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 30, 2005, among AT&T, SBC and Merger Sub, a copy of which is attached as Annex A to this document.*

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*AT&T.* AT&T was incorporated in 1885 under the laws of the State of New York. Its principal executive offices are at One AT&T Way, Bedminster, New Jersey 07921 and its telephone number at that address is 90