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**California Public Utilities Commission Suspends Approval of AT&T –
T-Mobile Merger.**

*Commission Votes 5-0 to Open an Informational Proceeding on Impacts to the State of
California*

San Francisco, CA - On Thursday May 26, the California Public Utilities Commission responded to notification by AT&T of their proposed merger with T-Mobile by suspending automatic 30-day approval of the plan and agreeing to move forward with an informational proceeding on the impact of the merger on California consumers. The action was taken in response to a request from Sprint.

The scope of the informational proceeding will be drafted by PUC staff and presented to the Commissioners for their approval at the June 9th meeting of the Public Utilities Commission. The meeting will have a public comment session for input from the community.

Media Alliance Executive Director of Media Alliance, who participated in the May 26th public comment session, hailed the PUC's decision and comments: "It is wonderful to see the PUC stepping up to their role as regulators. Californians depend on them to make sure the need of consumers for affordable and reliable service is well-represented at the table".

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