

SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

Commission File Number 1-8610

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if
different from that of the issuer named below:

SBC PAYSOP

B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the
plan and the address of its principal executive office:

SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.

175 E. Houston, San Antonio, Texas 78205

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Report of Independent Auditors

SBC Communications Inc.,
Plan Administrator for SBC PAYSOP

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of SBC PAYSOP as of December 31, 2001, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2001, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2001, and reportable transactions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis but are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

July 31, 2002

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Report of Independent Auditors

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SBC Communications Inc.,
Plan Administrator for SBC PAYSOP

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of the SBC PAYSOP ("Plan") as of December 31, 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ McConnell & Jones LLP

Houston, Texas
September 21, 2001

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
(Dollars in Thousands)

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Assets		
Investment in common stock of SBC Communications Inc., at fair value	\$ 156,497	\$ 227,520
Cash equivalents	42	70
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 156,539	\$ 227,590

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

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Year Ended December 31, 2001
(Dollars in Thousands)

Additions:	
Dividend income	\$ 4,432
Interest income	72

Total additions	4,504

Deductions:	
Net depreciation of SBC Communications Inc. common shares	35,928
Distributions to participants	39,527
Expenses	100

Total deductions	75,555

Net increase (decrease)	(71,051)

Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	227,590

Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 156,539
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See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2001 and 2000
(Dollars in Thousands)

1. Plan Description

The SBC PAYSOP (the Plan) was established by SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) during 1983 as a result of the disaggregation of the Bell System Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The Plan was established to provide for the distribution of SBC common stock to eligible employees of participating SBC companies.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. The Plan text and prospectus include complete descriptions of Plan provisions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions for years prior to the 1987 plan year were in amounts equal to the credit claimed on the consolidated federal income tax return pursuant to Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. This credit was one-half of one percent of compensation paid or accrued for all participants during the year up to a maximum of \$100 per participant.

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The Tax Reform Act of 1986 repealed the income tax credit on employee stock ownership plan contributions made after December 31, 1986. No contributions were made to the Plan beginning in the 1987 plan year. Employees with a balance in the Plan on December 31, 1986 are eligible for participation in the Plan and continue to maintain a balance in the Plan. Employees who did not have a balance at that time are not eligible to participate.

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, SBC has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, subject to the conditions set forth by ERISA, the Plan provides that the net assets be distributed to participants in amounts equal to their respective interests in such assets.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The fair value of SBC common stock is determined on the basis of the closing price per share on the date as reported at the official close of the New York Stock Exchange. Temporary cash investments are carried at cost, which approximates fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are reflected as of the date. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Interest earned on investments is accrued on the accrual basis.

Expenses incurred to administer the Plan are paid by SBC. A portion of these expenses, up to \$100,000 per year, is reimbursed by the Plan to SBC.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Allocations and Distributions to Participants

The Plan maintains an account for each participant. Distribution of the shares allocated to a participant's account is made to a participant no later than April of the plan year following the plan year in which the participant attains age 70 1/2, or to a beneficiary as soon as practicable after the participant's death. If a participant remains an active employee beyond the year the participant turns age 70 1/2, the participant's account will begin to be distributed no later than April of the following year. For each distribution, the participant or beneficiary receives stock.

All quarterly dividends for a year earned on shares in participants' accounts are held in an interest-bearing account until paid to participants on an annual basis in November of each year. Earnings attributable to dividends pending distribution which exceed administrative expenses paid by the Plan are used to purchase additional shares of SBC common stock. These shares are proportionately allocated to each participant's account.

4. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a determination letter on November 4, 1996, stating that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been operating since the determination letter was received. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is operating in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

On February 28, 2002, the Plan filed for, but has not yet received, a new tax determination letter from the IRS to reflect legally required changes and other changes made to the Plan since the previous determination letter was issued.

5. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2001	2000
Net assets available for benefits per the financial		

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statements	\$ 156,539	\$ 227,590
Less: Distributions payable to participants	(2,767)	-

Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 153,772	\$ 227,590
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The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2001:

Distributions to participants per the financial statements	\$ 39,527
Add: distributions payable to participants at December 31, 2001	2,767
Less: distributions payable to participants at December 31, 2000	-

Distributions to participants per the Form 5500	\$ 42,294
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Distributions payable to participants are recorded on the Form 5500 for benefit claims that have processed and approved for payment prior to December 31, but not yet paid as of that date.

6. Subsequent Event

It is anticipated that the Plan will be amended to allow participants to reinvest dividends on SBC stock held in their accounts. Reinvested dividends would be used to purchase SBC common stock. The amendment would be effective January 1, 2002.

Supplemental Schedules

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 43-1301883 Plan No.: 003

December 31, 2001
(Dollars in Thousands)

Name of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value

* SBC Communications Inc. Common Stock	3,995,322 shares	\$ 26,223	\$ 156,497
* Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund	Temporary cash investment	42	42

		\$ 26,265	\$ 156,539

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*Party-in-Interest.

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Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions
 EIN: 43-1301883 Plan No.: 003

Year Ended December 31, 2001
 (Dollars in Thousands)

Identity of Party Involved	Description of Asset	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
Category (iii) - Series of Transactions in Excess of 5 Percent of Plan Assets						
*Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company	Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund	\$ 8,175	\$ -	\$ 8,175	\$ 8,175	\$
*Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company	Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund	-	8,203	8,203	8,203	

* All transactions were purchased and sold on the market.

There were no Category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions during the year ended December 31, 2001.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrator for the Plan has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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By SBC Communications Inc.,
 Plan Administrator for the Foregoing Plan

By /s/ Karen E. Jennings
 Karen E. Jennings

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Senior Executive Vice
President - Human Resources

Date: September 9, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit identified below, is filed herein as exhibit hereto.

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23-b Consent of Independent Auditors McConnell & Jones LLP.

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 pertaining to PAYSOP of our report dated July 31, 2002, with respect to the financial statements and supplement of the SBC PAYSOP included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2001.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

San Antonio, Texas
September 3, 2002

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 pertaining to the PAYSOP of our report dated September 21, 2001, with respect to the Statement of Net Assets Available for Distribution and the Statement of Net Assets Available for Distribution and Net Assets Available for Distribution as of December 31, 2000 of the SBC PAYSOP included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the period ended December 31, 2001.

/s/ McConnell & Jones LLP

Houston, Texas
September 3, 2002