

AT&T INC.
Form 8-K
December 02, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 1, 2005

AT&T Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-8610

43-1301883

Identification No.)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer

175 E. Houston, San Antonio, Texas 78205
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (210) 821-4105

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 1, 2005, AT&T Inc. (formerly known as SBC Communications Inc.) reached an agreement with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to settle certain claims, principally related to the utilization of capital losses and tax credits for tax years 1997-1999, by certain AT&T Inc. entities other than AT&T Corp., which was acquired on November 18, 2005. Included in the settlement was relief from previous assessments and agreement on multiple items challenged by the IRS in the course of routine audits. As we had previously paid the assessments in full and filed refund claims with the IRS, the settlement will result in our recognition of approximately \$902 million of reduced income tax expense in the fourth quarter of 2005 and a corresponding increase in net income. We will leave the net refund with the IRS as a deposit against federal tax payments.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AT&T Inc.

Date: December 2, 2005

By /s/ John J. Stephens

John J. Stephens

Vice President and Controller