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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, 2003

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:

Pacific Telesis Group
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

B. Name of 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

Pacific Telesis Group
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Financial Statements, Supplemental Schedules and Exhibit

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

SBC Communications Inc.,
Plan Administrator for
Pacific Telesis Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Pacific Telesis Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our opinion on these financial statements is based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) which are based on auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those 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 is performed on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plan at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2003, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2003, and reportable transactions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. This information is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. These supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

San Antonio, Texas
June 21, 2004

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Pacific Telesis Group
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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

| | December 31 | |
|--|-------------|----|
| | 2003 | |
| | ----- | |
| Assets | | |
| Investment in common stock of SBC Communications Inc., at fair value | \$ 84,689 | \$ |
| Cash equivalents | 20 | |
| Interest receivable | 1 | |
| | ----- | |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ 84,710 | \$ |
| | ===== | |

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2003
(Dollars in Thousands)

| | |
|---|-------|
| Additions: | |
| Dividend income | \$ |
| Interest income | |
| | ----- |
| Total additions | ----- |
| Deductions: | |
| Net depreciation of SBC Communications Inc. common shares | |
| Distributions to participants | 1 |
| Administrative expenses | |
| | ----- |
| Total deductions | 1 |
| | ----- |
| Net decrease | (1) |
| Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year | 9 |
| | ----- |
| Net assets available for benefits, end of year | \$ 8 |
| | ===== |

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2003 and 2002

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(Dollars in Thousands)

1. Plan Description

The Pacific Telesis Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) was established by the Pacific Telesis Group (PTG) pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 as amended by the Tax Reform Acts of 1976 and 1986, to provide for the distribution of the company's common stock to eligible employees. PTG is a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. The Plan text and prospectus contain the full text 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 by the company on its income tax return pursuant to Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (IRC). This credit was used to purchase common stock compensation paid or accrued for all participants during the plan year up to a maximum of \$100 per participant.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 repealed the income tax credit on employee stock ownership plan contributions accrued after December 31, 1986. No contributions were made to the Plan beginning with the 1987 plan year. Participants in the Plan on December 31, 1986 are eligible for participation in the Plan and continue to maintain their accounts. Employees who did not have a balance in the Plan 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. In the event that the Plan is terminated, subject to the conditions set forth in the Plan, the net assets be distributed to participants in amounts equal to their respective interests in the Plan.

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 New York Stock Exchange. Temporary cash investments are valued at cost, with adjustments for discounts and premiums. Purchases and sales of securities are reflected as of the trade date. Dividend income is recognized when received. Interest earned on investments is recognized on the accrual basis.

The Plan provides for investments in investment securities, which in general, are exposed to various risks, including credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term that may materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and distributions.

Expenses incurred to administer the Plan are paid by SBC. A portion of these expenses, up to \$100,000 per year, is paid 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 is made to a participant after termination of employment but no later than April of the plan year following the participant's termination. If a participant attains age 70 1/2, or to a beneficiary as soon as practicable after the participant's death, the participant or beneficiary may elect to receive stock or cash, but if no election is made, the distribution will be made in cash.

All quarterly dividends for a year earned on shares held in participants' accounts are held in a separate account for each participant on an annual basis in November of each year. Effective January 1, 2002, the Plan has the option to reinvest dividends on SBC common stock held in their accounts. Reinvested dividends 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 May 11, 1998, stating that the Plan is a qualified employee stock ownership plan.

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designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since the . The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is operating in compliance of the IRC.

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

5. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

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

| | 2003 | |
|--|-----------|-------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ 84,710 | \$ |
| Less: Distributions payable to participants | (429) | |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 | \$ 84,281 | \$ |
| | ===== | ===== |

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements t December 31, 2003:

| | |
|--|-------|
| Distributions to participants per the financial statements | \$ |
| Add: distributions payable to participants at December 31, 2003 | |
| Less: distributions payable to participants at December 31, 2002 | ----- |
| Distributions to participants per the Form 5500 | \$ |
| | ===== |

Distributions payable to participants are recorded on the Form 5500 for benefit claims that have payment prior to December 31, but not yet paid as of that date.

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year
EIN: 94-2919931 Plan No.: 006

December 31, 2003
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| Name of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | Description of Investment | Cost | Cur Va |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| * SBC Communications Inc. Common Stock | 3,248,519 shares | \$ 23,822 | \$ |
| * Mellon Trust of New England, National Association Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund | Temporary cash investment | 20 | |
| | | \$ 23,842 | \$ |

* Party-in-Interest.

Pacific Telesis Group
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions
EIN: 94-2919931 Plan No.: 006

Year Ended December 31, 2003
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Identity of Party Involved | Description of Asset | Purchase Price | Selling Price | Cost o Asset |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Category (iii) - Series of Transactions in Excess of 5 Percent of Plan Assets | | | | |
| *SBC Communications Inc. | SBC Communications Inc. common stock | \$ 272 | \$ - | \$ |
| *SBC Communications Inc. | SBC Communications Inc. common stock | - | 6,634 | 1 |
| * Mellon Trust of New England, National Association | Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund | 13,096 | - | 13 |
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* 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, 2003.

SIGNATURE

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

Pacific Telesis Group Employee
Stock Ownership Plan

By Pacific Telesis Group,
Plan Administrator for the Foregoing Plan

By /s/ Karen E. Jennings

Karen E. Jennings
Senior Executive Vice President -
Human Resources and Communications

Date: June 23, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit identified below, Exhibit 23 is filed herein as an exhibit hereto.

Exhibit
Number

23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-9935 Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan of our report dated June 21, 2004, with respect to the financial schedules of Pacific Telesis Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan included in this Annual Report (December 31, 2003.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

San Antonio, Texas
June 21, 2004