

SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC
Form 11-K
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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, 2002

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:

**The Southern New England Telephone Company
Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan**

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

The Southern New England Telephone Company
Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan

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Report of Independent Auditors

SBC Communications Inc. and
 Plan Administrator for The Southern New England Telephone Company
 Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Southern New England Telephone Company Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statement of net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. 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. 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 net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2002, 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, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

June 16, 2003

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

The Southern New England Telephone Company
 Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan

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

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| | December 31 | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Assets | | |
| Investment in common stock of SBC Communications Inc., at fair value | \$ 10,334 | \$ 15,128 |
| Cash equivalents | | |
| Net assets available for benefits | <u>\$ 10,462</u> | <u>\$ 15,128</u> |

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2002
(Dollars in Thousands)

| | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| Additions: | | |
| Dividend income | | \$ |
| Interest income | | |
| Total additions | | <hr/> |
| Deductions: | | |
| Net depreciation of SBC Communications Inc. common shares | | |
| Distributions to participants | | |
| Total deductions | | <hr/> |
| Net decrease | | |
| Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year | | <hr/> |
| Net assets available for benefits, end of year | | <u>\$</u> |

See accompanying notes.

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Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2002 and 2001
(Dollars in Thousands)

1. Plan Description

The Southern New England Telephone Company Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) was established by the Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) under the provisions of the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 as amended in 1986, to provide shares of the sponsor company's common stock to eligible employees. SNET is a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc. (SBC).

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.

The Plan permitted an employer to claim a credit against its federal income tax liability if an amount of tax was claimed was applied to the purchase of its common shares to be held in trust for the benefit of employees. The shares were based upon amounts allowed by law, and were allocated to eligible employees based upon a ratio of their compensation.

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 last official close of the New York Stock Exchange. Temporary cash investments are valued at cost, which may differ from fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are reflected as of the trade date. Dividend income is recognized on the accrual basis. Interest earned on investments is recognized on the accrual basis.

All administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by 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 accounts. 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. A participant attains age 70 1/2, or to a beneficiary as soon as practicable after the participant's death. A participant or beneficiary may elect to receive stock or cash, but if no election is made, the distribution will be in cash.

All quarterly dividends for a year earned on shares in participants' accounts are held in an interest-bearing account for the benefit of participants on an annual basis in November of each year. Effective January 1, 2002, the Plan was amended to give participants the option to reinvest dividends on SBC common stock held in their accounts. Reinvested dividends are paid in the form of SBC common stock. Interest earned on the dividends is allocated to participant accounts as cash and paid to participants at the time of the distribution of the account.

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4. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a determination letter on October 27, 1995, stating that the Plan was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has since that time received a determination letter from the IRS. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently 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. The determination letter required changes and other changes made to the Plan since the previous determination letter was issued.

5. Reconciliation Between Financial Statements and Form 5500

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

| | 2002 | |
|--|-----------|----|
| | ----- | |
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ 10,462 | \$ |
| Less: Distributions payable to participants | (120) | |
| | ----- | |
| Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 | \$ 10,342 | \$ |
| | ===== | |

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements and Form 5500 as of December 31, 2002:

| | |
|--|-------|
| Distributions to participants per the financial statements | \$ |
| Add: distributions payable to participants at December 31, 2002 | |
| Less: distributions payable to participants at December 31, 2001 | ----- |
| 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.

Supplemental Schedules

The Southern New England Telephone Company
Tax Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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EIN: 06-0542646 Plan No.: 003

December 31, 2002
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Name of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | Description of Investment | Cost |
|--|---------------------------|----------|
| * SBC Communications Inc. Common Stock | 381,183 shares | \$ 3,556 |
| * Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund | Temporary cash investment | 128 |
| | | \$ 3,684 |
| * Party-in-Interest. | | |

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Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions
EIN: 06-0542646 Plan No.: 003

Year Ended December 31, 2002
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Identity of Party Involved | Description of Asset | Purchase Price | Selling Price | Cost of Asset |
|---|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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 | \$ 1,320 | - | \$ 1,320 |
| *Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company | Pooled Employee Funds Daily Liquidity Fund | - | 1,320 | 1,320 |

* 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, 2002.

SIGNATURE

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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.

The Southern New England Telephone Company
Reduction Act Stock Ownership Plan

By Southern New England Telecommunication
Corporation, Plan Administrator for the F
Plan

By /s/ Michele Macauda

Michele Macauda
President and Chief Executive
Officer

Date: June 20, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits identified below, Exhibit 23 is filed herein as an exhibit hereto and Exhibit 99

| Exhibit Number ----- | |
|----------------------------|---|
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| 99 | Certification of Periodic Financial Reports |