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Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service	)	File No.	FILED/ACCEPTED MAR 1 4 2007
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service	)		Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

# SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELLSOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC. d/b/a AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service ("BellSouth LD"), applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue the following business services: BellSouth® Dial Direct Service, BellSouth® Toll Free Service, BellSouth® Long Distance Calling Card Service, BellSouth® Long Distance Voice VPN Service, BellSouth® Long Distance Domestic Private Line, BellSouth® Wavelength Service, BellSouth® Special Access Service, and BellSouth® Long Distance International Private Line Service.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, BellSouth LD is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service 400 Perimeter Center Terrace Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30346

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#### Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

BellSouth LD will no longer offer these services to new customers on or after April 27, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). BellSouth LD will continue to provide services to its existing customers until their existing contracts expire or are terminated, at which time AT&T will offer services to these customers from another AT&T affiliate.

#### Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

BellSouth LD will discontinue these services throughout the continental United States and Hawaii.

#### Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

- 1. Dial Direct Service allows customers to place outbound calls to terminating domestic and international locations originating in the United States via switched or dedicated origination.

  Customers must dial "1+" the area code or country code and the number.
- 2. Toll Free Service is a toll-free number service where calls may originate from any valid exchange or certain international locations and terminate to the customer's location via switched or dedicated termination.
- 3. Long Distance Calling Card Service is a long distance travel card that allows users to place calls from virtually any phone in the United States to any phone in the United States and any country providing International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD).
- 4. Long Distance Voice VPN Service is an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) based voice service utilizing specialized features that optimize the carrier's network to create the appearance and functionality of a private network for the customer.

- 5. Long Distance Domestic Private Line Service provides customers with dedicated circuits, which connects distant locations, which cross LATA or state boundaries, on the Company's network. Service is offered on a non-switched, dedicated basis. Private Line service includes DS-0, DS-1, Fractional DS-1, DS-3, OC-3, OC-12, OC-48 and OC-192 capacity digital transmission services. These services may be used to transmit both voice and data utilizing dedicated access arrangements on both the originating and terminating ends of each circuit.
- 6. Wavelength Service is a point-to-point, dedicated service that utilizes dense wave division multiplexing (DWDM) technology to deliver high capacity bandwidths of 2.5-Gbps and 10-Gbps. Wavelength service differs from standard SONet Private Line products in that it is an unprotected transport facility.
- 7. Special Access Service (IntraLATA Long Distance Private Line Service) provides customers with a dedicated path between two or more customer premises facilities within the same LATA.
- 8. Long Distance International Private Line Service provides dedicated, point-to-point DS1, T1(E1), T1/E1Hybrid, DS3/E3, OC3/STM1, OC12/STM4 or OC48/STM416 transport for customers with terminating locations in the continental U.S. and other countries.

As a result of the acquisition of BellSouth Corporation and its affiliated companies by AT&T Inc., the combined entity is streamlining their business services portfolio. If this Application is approved, the services described above, currently provided by BellSouth LD, will be provided by another affiliate of AT&T.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there are many alternative providers of business services, including but not limited to AT&T Corp. Furthermore, none of the affected customers should experience a loss in service as

AT&T plans to offer a comparable suite of services to these customers through another AT&T affiliate.

# Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

BellSouth LD notified customers by letter sent via U.S. Mail on March 13, 2007. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Attachment A.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

#### Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

BellSouth LD is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Associate Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

#### **Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since there are alternative providers of business services and AT&T will offer comparable services through another AT&T affiliate.

BellSouth LD respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the business services discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 14, 2007

## **Attachment A**



AT&T Long Distance Service 400 Perimeter Center Terrace Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30346

March 13, 2007

#### Dear Valued Customer:

As you know, AT&T Inc. acquired BellSouth Corporation late last year. As part of the integration process, the affiliated companies are streamlining their business service portfolios. As a result, the policy as it relates to contract renewals is being revised and several service offerings provided by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service ("BellSouth LD") in the continental United States and Hawaii are being phased out.

Effective April 27, 2007, pending regulatory approval, the following BellSouth LD services will no longer be available to new customers:

- BellSouth® Dial Direct Service
- BellSouth® Toll Free Service
- BellSouth® Long Distance Calling Card Service
- BellSouth® Long Distance Voice VPN Service
- BellSouth® Long Distance Domestic Private Line Service
- BellSouth® Wavelength Service
- BellSouth® Special Access Service ("intraLATA Long Distance Private Line Service")
- BellSouth® Long Distance International Private Line Service

If you are a BellSouth LD customer with one or more of the following services: BellSouth® Dial Direct Service, BellSouth® Toll Free Service, BellSouth® Long Distance Calling Card Service and/or BellSouth® Long Distance Voice VPN Service you may retain your existing service(s) and continue to conduct moves, adds and administrative changes as needed, subject to the terms of your existing BellSouth® Business Class Family of Services agreement or Customized Pricing Arrangement (collectively the "Agreement"). If you are a BellSouth LD customer with BellSouth® Long Distance Domestic Private Line, BellSouth® Wavelength Service, IntraLATA Long Distance Private Line Service, and/or BellSouth® Long Distance International Private Line Service you may retain your existing service(s) and continue to conduct moves (but not adds) and administrative changes as needed, subject to the terms of your existing Agreement.

For customers with an existing Agreement for any of these listed services, this letter will serve as notice that BellSouth LD will not extend the existing contract past its current term pursuant to the terms of the contract.\* Instead, you will be offered a suite of AT&T long distance services from which to choose. If you do not select a new service plan prior to the end of your current contract term, your service will be governed by the terms of the applicable Pricing Guide which can be found by accessing our website at www.bellsouth.com/longdistance. Currently, the Pricing Guide allows your Agreement to be automatically extended on a monthly basis, unless you or BellSouth LD provides written notice of its intent not to renew this Agreement at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any subsequent Renewal Term.

Please do not send inquiries or payments to the return address on this notice. If you have comments or questions, please contact AT&T Customer Service at the toll-free number on your bill.

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The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Your business is important to us. We want to ensure that you are obtaining the most suitable services for your needs. Please contact your Account Manager or other member of your Sales Team if you have any questions. If you do not know your Account Manager please refer to the customer service number on your invoice. Thank you for choosing the AT&T family of companies.

Sincerely,

Your AT&T Business Specialist

<sup>\*</sup> Agreements which come up for renewal prior to 60 days after the date of this letter will be allowed to automatically renew in accordance with their terms.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 14th day of March 2007, served a copy of the foregoing

Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

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