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In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of )  
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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a )  
AT&T Southeast )  
)  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service )

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Inc., on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast 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 offering Dry Fiber service throughout its nine state territory, which includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.<sup>1</sup>

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T Southeast provides the following information:

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

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast  
675 West Peachtree St. NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30375

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

AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue offering this service on a common carrier basis, pursuant to tariff, effective September 30, 2007, subject to Commission approval of this application.

Existing customers may continue to receive Dry Fiber service through private carriage agreements with a term not to exceed 36 months after AT&T Southeast receives approval to withdraw the service or the customer migrates to an alternative service arrangement, whichever occurs first.

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

The services will be discontinued in the AT&T Southeast service territories in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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

AT&T Southeast's Dry Fiber service is a point-to-point arrangement between two customer premises using four optical fibers and is offered without optical signal regeneration to compensate for signal losses.

AT&T Southeast's Dry Fiber service is currently offered on a month-to-month basis via AT&T Southeast's FCC Tariff No. 1, Section 7.2.1.0. Existing customers, including customers that order Dry Fiber Service on or before September 30, 2007, will continue to receive Dry Fiber service pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in AT&T Southeast's tariff, through

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<sup>1</sup> AT&T Southeast's Dry Fiber service is offered pursuant to AT&T Southeast FCC Tariff No. 1, Section 7.2.1.0. AT&T Southeast will continue to offer "Dark Fiber" to telecommunications carriers on an unbundled basis as required by paragraph 385 of the Commission's *Triennial Review Order*.

privately negotiated agreements, until the customers migrate to an alternative service arrangement, or for 36 months after AT&T Southeast receives approval to discontinue Dry Fiber service, whichever occurs first. After September 30, 2007, subject to Commission approval, AT&T Southeast will no longer accept requests for Dry Fiber service pursuant to tariff. Instead, AT&T Southeast will negotiate customized, fiber connectivity services via private carriage agreements.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because there are many competitive providers of fiber services in the AT&T Southeast region, including but not limited to, AT&T Southeast's affiliate AT&T DataComm. Furthermore, customers may also choose to substitute this service with AT&T Southeast's SONET or Wavelength transport services.

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

On July 13, 2007, AT&T Southeast notified their customers of the planned discontinuance by letter sent by U.S. Mail. A copy of the customer notification 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 Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

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

AT&T Southeast asserts that it is non-dominant in the provision of Dry Fiber service, but acknowledges that this Application will be processed using the Commission's rules for dominant carriers.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director, Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since AT&T Southeast will continue to offer service on a customized, individually negotiated basis and there are comparable services offered by other carriers. Therefore, AT&T Southeast respectfully requests the Commission to approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of Dry Fiber service.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Inc.

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Dated: July 17, 2007

# ATTACHMENT A



July 13, 2007

**AT&T Southeast Region 9-State - Discontinuance of Dry Fiber**

Dear Valued AT&T Customer,

Effective September 30, 2007, pending Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval, Dry Fiber, [Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Section 7.2.10], will no longer be available in the AT&T Southeast nine-state region, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Following the effective date, customers with Dry Fiber on order or in effect prior to September 30, 2007 will continue to receive Dry Fiber. However, no new Dry Fiber requests will be accepted. AT&T Southeast will continue to offer Dry Fiber to those customers, through privately negotiated agreements, until the customers migrate to alternative offerings, or for 36 months after AT&T receives FCC approval to withdraw the Dry Fiber tariff, whichever occurs first.

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 30 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 AT&T Southeast. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

AT&T Southeast reserves the right to make any modifications to or to cancel the above information prior to the proposed filing or effective date. Should any modifications be made to the information, these modifications will be reflected in a subsequent letter sent at the time of the filing. AT&T Southeast will incur no liability to the CLEC if such information, mentioned above, is cancelled by AT&T Southeast or is not ultimately put into effect.

Please contact your AT&T Account Team for additional information.

Sincerely,

AT&T Southeast  
675 W. Peachtree St. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30375

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 17th day of July 2007, served a copy of the foregoing  
Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

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Lacretia Hill

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Governor Bob Riley  
State Capitol  
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Florida Public Service Commission  
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Governor Charlie Crist  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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