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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliates
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a
AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia,
AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T
Mississippi, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T
Tennessee; and Southwestern Bell Telephone
Company, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T
Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas.

Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,
To Discontinue the Provision of Service

File No.

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T

AT&T¹ applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended, 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 certain call forwarding services in certain wire centers located in 12 states.

INTRODUCTION

Through this application, AT&T seeks to discontinue Remote Call Forwarding Service or TeleBranch (referred to collectively as "RCF" or the "Affected Service") in portions of certain wire centers located in 12 states (the "Affected Service Area"). AT&T has previously grandfathered the Affected Service in the Affected Service Area, including through prior

¹ AT&T Services, Inc. files this application on behalf of its affiliates set out in the caption.

applications that received streamlined approval from the Commission.² As with AT&T's earlier grandfathering applications, discontinuing this outdated service will benefit the public and serve as an important step toward meeting both AT&T's and the Commission's goals of advancing toward next-generation technologies that customers are requesting.³

Demand for the Affected Service is very low and businesses in the Affected Service Area have many cost-effective alternative options to choose from as replacements for the Affected Service Area. These options include remote call forwarding on AT&T Phone for Business – Advanced (“APB-A”), which AT&T specifically designed as a reliable and cost-effective alternative to legacy voice services.⁴ APB-A is broadly available throughout the Affected Service Area. In addition to APB-A, there is an array of competitive voice offerings with call forwarding services that are offered over cable, fiber, and mobile wireless technologies, which most businesses in the Affected Service Area have already selected in lieu of the Affected Service.

² See Section 63.71 Application of AT&T, WC Docket No. 23-398 (filed Nov. 16, 2023); *Id.*, WC Docket No. 25-46 (filed Jan. 31, 2025). AT&T has also grandfathered certain wire centers included in this application pursuant to the Commission's recent order waiving the requirement to file applications to grandfather certain types of services. *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Order, DA 25-251, WC Dkt No. 17-84 (rel. Mar. 20, 2025).

³ See News Release, Office of Chairman Brendan Carr, *FCC Cutting Red Tape to Unleash New Infrastructure Investments: Streamlining Process to Retire Old Copper Lines, Freeing Up Dollars for New Networks* (Mar. 20, 2025), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-410304A1.pdf>.

⁴ AT&T recently introduced an updated and renamed version of APB-A called AT&T Business Voice (“ABV”). ABV uses the same technology and customer equipment as APB-A and has all the same features plus additional ones, including improved voicemail, call handling, and call screening functionality. The technical performance of ABV does not vary from APB-A. ABV launched on June 17, 2025, and is in the process of being introduced to different market segments. Currently, depending on the market segment, the service may be sold to customers as ABV or APB-A. For simplicity's sake, in this application references to “APB-A” include ABV.

APPLICATION

As required by Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier:

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Tennessee;

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas.

The address for purposes of this application is:

208 South Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75202

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:

Effective on or after June 30, 2026, pending regulatory approval, AT&T's Affected Service will be discontinued. This is the same date at which AT&T – through a separate and concurrently filed application to the Commission – seeks to discontinue its legacy POTS services (AT&T Residential Local Service and AT&T Business Local Exchange Access Line Service) in the Affected Service Area.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:

AT&T plans to discontinue the Affected Service in the Affected Service Area in sections of 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Exhibit I identifies the list of AT&T wire centers in each state that include any service areas that fall within the Affected Service Area.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected:

AT&T plans to discontinue RCF in the Affected Service Area.

RCF permits a customer in one exchange to arrange for calls made to a different telephone number in the same or different exchange (where RCF facilities are available) to be automatically forwarded and automatically billed to the customer's station.⁵ In other words, RCF is a service whereby incoming calls to the RCF telephone number are automatically forwarded by the Company's central office equipment to another number designated by the customer.

Brief Description of the Dates and Method of Notice to All Affected Customers:

Customer notices were sent via U.S. Mail on July 7, 2025 for Affected Customers of the Affected Service.⁶ Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. Mail to the governor, public utility commission, federally recognized tribes (if any) in the Affected Service Area, and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.⁷

Regulatory Classification of Carrier:

AT&T offers the Affected Service pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Meredith Williams, AT&T Services, Inc., AVP – Federal Relations, 601 New Jersey Ave NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC, (202) 227-9725.

⁵ AT&T, *AT&T Remote Call Forwarding*, <https://www.att.com/support/article/local-long-distance/KM1065396/> (last visited June 27, 2025).

⁶ An example notice is attached at Exhibit 2.

⁷ Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

Public Convenience and Necessity:

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this discontinuance. The demand for the Affected Service is very low. As noted above, fewer than 0.05% of Living Units in the Affected Service Area subscribe to either Affected Service. As a result, it is economically inefficient for AT&T to continue to provide the Affected Service.

Prospective and current customers in the Affected Service Area have access to many readily available and cost-effective alternatives to the Affected Service. Customers in the Affected Service Area can receive broadband and voice services from multiple cable and fiber providers, including companies like Comcast and Charter, among others. Those providers' voice offerings include remote-call-forwarding features.⁸ Voice options through CMRS providers also allow for remote call forwarding. Most importantly, AT&T remote call forwarding on APB-A, which AT&T specifically designed as a cost-effective alternative to legacy voice services.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons identified above, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Affected Service. AT&T respectfully requests the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue services.

⁸ See, e.g., Charter – Spectrum: How to Forward or Transfer a Landline Number to a Cell Phone, <https://www.communityphone.org/blogs/spectrum-forward-transfer-landline> (last visited June 27, 2025); Comcast – Activate Remote Call Forwarding, <https://business.comcast.com/support/article/voice/phone-activate-remote-call-forwarding-rcf> (last visited June 27, 2025); Comcast – Use the Xfinity Voice Call Forwarding Feature, <https://www.xfinity.com/support/articles/forward-calls-with-call-forwarding> (last visited June 27, 2025); Dialpad Help Center – Call Forwarding FAQs, <https://help.dialpad.com/docs/call-forwarding-faqs> (last visited June 27, 2025) (noting that consumers can add up to five forwarding numbers on their Dialpad accounts).

By: /s/ Brett Farley

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Exhibit 1

List of Affected Wire Centers

Sections of Alabama: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Birmingham (BSMRALBP), Fort Payne (FTPYALMA), Leighton (LGTNALMA),
Lexington (LXTNALMA), Pence (HRTSALPE), Rogersville (RRVLALMA), Town Creek
(TWCKALMA)

Sections of Arkansas: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Jones Mill (JNMLARMA), Moro (MOROARMA)

Sections of Florida: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Oak Hill (OKHLFLMA), Pahokee (PAHKFLMA), Sugarloaf (SGKYFLMA)

Sections of Georgia: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Sparks (SPRKGAMA), Swainsboro (SWBOGAES), Tifton (TFTNGAMA)

Sections of Kentucky: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Aurora (AURRKYMA), Carrollton (CRTNKYMA), Clay (CLAYKYMA), Hartford
(HRFRKYMA), Louisa (LOUSKYES), Stamping Ground (STGRKYMA)

Sections of Louisiana: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Edgard (EDGRLAMA), Labadieville (LBVLLAMA), Lafitte (LFTTLAMA), Lake
Providence (LKPRLAMA), Napoleonville (NPVLLAMA), Newellton (NWTNLAMA), Oil City
(OLCYLAMA), Paradis (PRDSLAMA), Vinton (VNTNLAMA), Wilson (WLSNLAMA)

Sections of Missouri: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Agency (AGNCMOAL), Chaffee (CHFFMOTU), Fulton (FLTNMOMI)

Sections of Mississippi: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Beaumont (BUMTMSMA), Belzoni (BLZNMSMA), Collins (CLNSMSMA), Como
(COMOMSMA), Lumberton (LMTNMSSS)

Sections of Oklahoma: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Altus (ALTSOKMA), Breckenridge (BRRGOKMA), Bristow (BRSWOKMA), Carney (CRNYOKMA), Drumright (DRMROKMA), Ft Cobb (FTCBOKMA), Holdenville (HDVLOKMA), Ringling (RNNGOKMA), Ryan (RYANOKMA), Tahlequah-Cookson (THLQOKCO), Wapanucka (WPNCOKMA), Wellston (WLTNOKMA)

Sections of South Carolina: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Blacksburg (BLBGSCMA), Latta (LATTSCLS)

Sections of Tennessee: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Airport Authority (NSVLTNAA), Carthage (CRTHTNMA), Cockrill Bend (NSVLTNCD), South Pittsburg (SPBGTNMA), Waverly (WVRLTNMT)

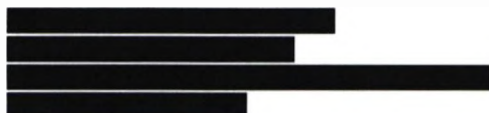
Sections of Texas: Certain areas currently served by the following wire centers:

Marion (MARNTXMR), San Antonio-Jarratt (SNANTXJA), Seguin-McQueeney (SGINTXMQ), Sinton (SINTTXSI), Vidor Sunset (VDORTXSU), Waco-Gholson (WACOTXGH), Woodsboro (WDBOTXWB), Zapata (ZPTATXZA)

Exhibit 2

July 7, 2025

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**Important Notice Regarding Remote Call Forwarding and TeleBranch Service –
Effective on or After June 30, 2026**

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. We want to make you aware of planned changes to your Remote Call Forwarding Service and TeleBranch Service in certain AT&T wire centers. Effective on or after June 30, 2026, pending regulatory approval, AT&T will no longer offer Remote Call Forwarding Service and TeleBranch Service for the telephone number(s) listed at the bottom of this letter.¹

Remote Call Forwarding Service and TeleBranch Service allows for incoming calls to be automatically forwarded by AT&T's central office equipment to another number designated by the customer.

Our records indicate that you currently purchase Remote Call Forwarding Service and TeleBranch Service in at least one of the wire centers impacted by these changes.² Your affected telephone number(s) are listed below. As a current AT&T customer, you may retain your existing service(s) subject to the following changes:

- **Effective on or after June 30, 2026**, pending regulatory approval, AT&T will no longer offer Remote Call Forwarding Service and TeleBranch Service, after which it is subject to disconnection.
- Following the expiration of your current term agreement, AT&T will only allow renewal of the Service upon terms specified by AT&T, subject to AT&T's right to change the rates, terms, and conditions of the service upon notification.

You may continue to use Remote Call Forwarding Service and TeleBranch Service until June 30, 2026.

We are here to help if you have any questions about Remote Call Forwarding Service and Telebranch. We are ready to provide support when and how you need it. Please contact your Account Manager with any questions you may have or contact us at 855-235-0900 for help. You can also visit <https://www.business.att.com> for additional information.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving your business.

Sincerely,
AT&T Business Services
208 S. Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75202

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¹ In the areas impacted by this notice, AT&T Remote Call Forwarding Service is provided by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Indiana; Michigan Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Michigan; Ohio Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Ohio; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas; and Wisconsin Bell, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.

² A list of AT&T wire centers impacted by this notice is included at the end of this notice.

We're required by the FCC to provide the following statement:

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. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may 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 section 63.71 application of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc., d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, AT&T Tennessee; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated, d/b/a AT&T Communications of Indiana, LLC; Michigan Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Michigan; Ohio Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Ohio; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, AT&T Texas; Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin. 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.

To the extent your contract with AT&T is inconsistent with the above, these planned changes may not apply to you. Please check your contract or contact us with questions.

Telephone number(s) impacted by this notice:

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Below is a full list of AT&T wire centers affected by this notice:

List of Impacted Wire Centers

Alabama:

Birmingham (BSMRALBP), Fort Payne (FTPYALMA), Leighton (LGTNALMA), Lexington (LXTNALMA), Pence (HRTSALPE), Rogersville (RRVLALMA), Town Creek (TWCKALMA)

Arkansas:

Jones Mill (JNMLARMA), Moro (MOROARMA)

Florida:

Oak Hill (OKHLFLMA), Pahokee (PAHKFLMA), Sugarloaf (SGKYFLMA)

Georgia:

Sparks (SPRKGAMA), Swainsboro (SWBOGAES), Tifton (TFTNGAMA)

Kentucky:

Aurora (AURRYMA), Carrollton (CRTNKYMA), Clay (CLAYKYMA), Hartford (HRFRKYMA), Louisa (LOUSKYES), Stamping Ground (STGRKYMA)

Louisiana:

Edgard (EDGRLAMA), Labadieville (LBVLLAMA), Lafitte (LFTTLAMA), Lake Providence (LKPRLAMA), Napoleonville (NPVLLAMA), Newellton (NWTNLAMA), Oil City (OLCYLAMA), Paradis (PRDSLAMA), Vinton (VNTNLAMA), Wilson (WLSNLAMA)

Missouri:

Agency (AGNCMOAL), Chaffee (CHFFMOTU), Fulton (FLTNMOMI)

Mississippi:

Beaumont (BUMTMSMA), Belzoni (BLZNMSMA), Collins (CLNSMSMA), Como (COMOMSMA), Lumberton (LMTNMSSS)

Oklahoma:

Altus (ALTSOKMA), Breckenridge (BRRGOKMA), Bristow (BRWOKMA), Carney (CRNYOKMA), Drumright (DRMROKMA), Ft Cobb (FTCBOKMA), Holdenville (HDVLOKMA), Ringling (RNGOKMA), Ryan (RYANOKMA), Tahlequah-Cookson (THLQOKCO), Wapanucka (WPNCOKMA), Wellston (WLTNOKMA)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Lacretia Hill**, certify that I have, on July 15, 2025 served a copy of the foregoing
Section 63.71 Application of AT&T by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses below.

/s/Lacretia Hill
Lacretia Hill

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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Cherokee Nation
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Tahlequah, OK 74465

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
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