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In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
AT&T Communications of the Southern)
States, LLC and AT&T Communications)
of the South Central States, LLC)
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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 COMMUNICATIONS OF
THE SOUTHERN STATES, LLC AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, LLC**

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC ("AT&T Comm-Southern") and AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC ("AT&T Comm-South Central"), affiliates of AT&T Inc., apply 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, to discontinue AT&T Comm-Southern's provision of interstate residential local exchange service in Florida and Georgia and AT&T Comm-South Central's provision of interstate residential local exchange service in Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Louisiana.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central provide the following information:

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

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC
AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC
P.O. Box 430
Bedminster, NJ 07921-0430

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

In Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central, respectively, will no longer offer service to new residential customers on or after August 20, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). If AT&T Comm-Southern or AT&T Comm South Central obtain new customers while this application is pending, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central plan to discontinue providing service to those customers on or after October 29, 2007.

In Florida and Louisiana, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central, respectively, will no longer offer service to new residential customers on or after August 20, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). If AT&T Comm-Southern or AT&T Comm South Central obtain new customers while this application is pending, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central plan to discontinue providing service to those customers on or after November 12, 2007.

In Mississippi, AT&T Comm-South Central will no longer offer service to new residential customers on or after August 20, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). If AT&T Comm South Central obtains new customers while this application is pending, AT&T Comm-South Central plans to discontinue providing service to those customers on or after November 26, 2007.

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

Interstate local residential exchange service will be discontinued throughout the AT&T Comm-Southern service areas in Florida and Georgia, and AT&T Comm-South Central service areas in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi.

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

Interstate local residential exchange service is basic telephone exchange service that allows residential customers to make local calls within a local exchange, which includes local calling areas that cross state boundary lines.

As a result of the acquisition of BellSouth Corporation and its subsidiaries by AT&T Inc., AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central are migrating their respective local exchange customers to one local service platform in each state. If this Application is approved, the interstate local residential exchange services currently offered by AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central will be provided in their respective states by their incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") affiliates, AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana and AT&T Mississippi.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there are many alternative providers of local exchange telephone services, including but not limited to the AT&T ILEC affiliates referenced above.¹

¹ For example, AllSouth Phone Connect, Inc. and 1-800-Reconnex d/b/a US Tel are among the alternative providers of local service in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi.

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

There are no customers currently subscribing to this service in the applicable states.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commissions and governors of the states affected 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)):

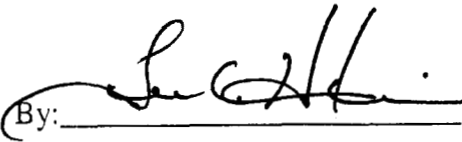
AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central are considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th 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 local exchange service. Therefore, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central respectfully request that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue interstate local exchange service in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 9th 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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