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Section 63.71 Application of)
BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T) File No.
Long Distance)
)
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 BELLSOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC. d/b/a
AT&T LONG DISTANCE**

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 interstate services that are provided on a stand-alone basis: BellSouth dial direct service, BellSouth toll-free service and BellSouth long distance calling card service.¹

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
400 Perimeter Center Terrace
Suite 400
Atlanta, GA 30346

¹ These services are considered "stand-alone" service offerings as they are provided by BellSouth LD, in conjunction with local service provided by a carrier other than BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

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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 on or after December 14, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

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

BellSouth LD will discontinue these services 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)):

1. BellSouth dial direct service allows customers to place outbound interstate calls to terminating domestic locations originating in the United States via switched or dedicated origination. Customers must dial "1+" the area code and the number.

2. BellSouth toll-free service allows calls to originate from any valid exchange and terminate to the customer's location via switched termination..

3. BellSouth long distance calling card service is a long distance travel card that allows users to place interstate calls by dialing company-provided toll-free access code or number.

As a result of the acquisition of BellSouth Corporation and its affiliated companies by AT&T Inc., the combined entity is streamlining its service portfolio. If this Application is approved, the services described above, currently provided by BellSouth LD on a stand-alone basis, 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 these services, including but not limited to AT&T Corp.

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 October 9, 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 commissions and governors of the affected states 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., 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 these services since there are alternative providers of these services. BellSouth LD respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the services discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 12, 2007

Attachment A

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

October 9, 2007

**Immediate Action Required
Regarding Your Long Distance Telephone Service**

Dear Customer,

As you may know, AT&T acquired BellSouth Corporation in 2006. Part of the integration process involves the affiliated companies streamlining their service portfolios. As a result, **stand-alone** service offerings provided by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service ("BellSouth LD") will be discontinued in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. For the purposes of this letter, stand-alone service offerings are Long Distance services provided by BellSouth LD, in conjunction with Local service (Dial Tone) provided by a carrier other than BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Effective December 14, 2007, pending regulatory approval, the following stand-alone BellSouth LD services will no longer be available to existing or new customers:

BellSouth dial direct service
BellSouth toll free service
BellSouth long distance calling card service

This means that you will no longer be able to receive these services from BellSouth LD.

Important: To prevent the loss of long distance telephone service, you must select another long distance provider on or before December 4, 2007. If you act by this date there will be enough time to transition service to your new provider without loss of service.

You have a choice of Long Distance service providers. Your Local Service Provider has been notified of this pending change, and will be able to provide a listing of Long Distance carriers available to service your needs. You may want to contact a number of these providers to compare prices for the service plan you choose. Please select your new Long Distance plan carefully to be sure the service plan meets your needs. Companies may offer pricing plans that differ from the one you have today.

Once your BellSouth LD service has been discontinued, you will receive a final bill within 30 days.

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.

This is an important notice concerning the discontinuance of your Long Distance service. Please contact us toll free at 1-866-235-5531 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.

d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 12th day of October 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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