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AT&T FILES PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING POINTS OF INTERFACE BETWEEN IXCs AND LECs

Pleading Cycle Established

CCB/CPD File No. 01-24

Comments Due: December 19, 2001

Reply Comments Due: January 2, 2002

On November 7, 2001, AT&T Corp. (AT&T) filed a petition seeking a declaratory ruling that local exchange carriers (LECs) are required to provide exchange access services to the point of interface (POI) designated by an interexchange carrier (IXC) in the IXC's point of presence (POP).¹ AT&T states that an increasing number of LECs have taken the position that they only are required to provide cabling to a demarcation point within an IXC's POP, and that IXCs bear responsibility for any cabling from the demarcation point to the POI. AT&T argues that the position taken by these LECs is inconsistent with industry practice since the divestiture of the Bell Operating Companies, pursuant to which LECs have provided cabling all the way to the POI. AT&T requests that the Commission reaffirm that LECs are required to provide cabling all the way to the POI designated by the IXC when they provide access services to an IXC.

Interested parties may file comments no later than December 19, 2001. Reply comments may be filed no later than January 2, 2002. When filing comments, please reference CCB/CPD File No. 01-24. An original and four copies of all comments and reply comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554.² In addition, one copy of each submission must be filed with Qualex International, the

¹ *In the Matter of AT&T Corp. Petition for a Declaratory Ruling Concerning the Duty of Local Exchange Carriers to Provide Exchange Access to Interexchange Carrier Points of Interface*, CCB/CPD File No. 01-24, Petition of AT&T (filed November 7, 2001).

² Parties are directed to the Commission's Public Notices concerning changes in the filing location and procedures for paper documents. *See* FCC Announces Changes in Filing Procedures, *Public Notice*, DA-01-2430 (rel. October 17, 2001); FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2436 (rel. Oct. 17, 2001); Clarification on FCC's Announced Changes in Filing Procedures, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2451 (rel. Oct. 18, 2001).

Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at the Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A225, Washington, D.C. 20554. Documents in CCB/CPD No. 01-24 are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street S.W., CY-A257, Washington DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

For further information, contact Shannon Lipp, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1520.