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**January 15, 2002**

**COMMENTS INVITED ON BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**SERVICES**

**NSD File No. W-P-D-553**

**Comments Due: January 23, 2002**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

On **December 21, 2001**, **BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.** (BellSouth or Applicant), located at **675 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30375-0001**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue one of its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that BellSouth seeks to discontinue providing Local Number Portability (LNP) Query Service – Out of Region.<sup>1</sup> According to the application, this service is available to N-1 carriers for calls terminating to telephone numbers that are both assigned to the Numbering Plan Area Code-Central Office Code combination (NPA-NXXs), and assigned to a location outside of the area where BellSouth terminates local exchange traffic. Applicant states that it offers this service in competition with comparable services provided by other entities such as Illuminant and Southern New England Telephone (SNET). BellSouth explains that it has determined that there is insufficient market demand to justify the additional Service Control Point (SCP) maintenance expenses associated with the service. BellSouth states that consistent with its obligations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, it will continue to provide LNP Database Services, including LNP Query Services, to N-1 carriers for calls terminating to telephone numbers assigned to NPA-NXXs within the area where BellSouth provides local exchange and exchange access services.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant states that this service is presently on file with the FCC as Tarrif F.C.C. No. 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Rev. p. 6-75.13 (eff. Dec. 16, 2001)

The application states that BellSouth has no customers subscribing to the service, thereby making customer notification unnecessary.<sup>2</sup> The application indicates that as soon as the FCC authorizes discontinuance of this service, BellSouth will make the appropriate revisions to its filed tariff.<sup>3</sup>

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **February 15, 2002**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-553**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. Comments should also be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Jon Minkoff.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via messenger-delivery or hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to

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<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i). BellSouth also states that because the proposed discontinuance will not affect any particular geographic areas, it will not provide notice of the discontinuance and a copy of this application to any state public utility commission or governor's office. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a). BellSouth states that it will provide a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense. *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See n.1, *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [cweather@fcc.gov](mailto:cweather@fcc.gov), or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), [jminkoff@fcc.gov](mailto:jminkoff@fcc.gov), of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit the Network Services Division web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>.

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