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**SECTION 272 SUNSETS FOR AT&T IN THE STATES OF ILLINOIS,
INDIANA, OHIO AND WISCONSIN BY OPERATION OF LAW ON
OCTOBER 15, 2006, PURSUANT TO SECTION 272(f)(1)**

WC Docket No. 02-112

The provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), applicable to Bell Operating Company (BOC) provision of in-region, interLATA telecommunications services sunset for the operations of AT&T Inc. in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin by operation of law as provided in section 272(f)(1), effective October 15, 2006.¹

Section 272 of the Act requires BOCs to provide in-region, interLATA telecommunications services through separate corporate affiliates, subject to certain safeguards. 47 U.S.C. § 272(a)(2). Section 272(f)(1) provides that the provisions in section 272 (other than section 272(e)) expire three years after a BOC or BOC affiliate is authorized under section 271 to provide in-region, interLATA services, unless the Commission extends such 3-year period by rule or order. 47 U.S.C. § 272(f)(1).

The Commission granted AT&T section 271 authorizations for the provision of in-region, interLATA services in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin in an order released on October 15, 2003.² Pursuant to section 272(f)(1), the provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) sunset by operation of law for AT&T in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin effective October 15, 2006.³

For further information, please contact Cecilia Seppings, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1588.

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¹ On November 17, 2005, the Commission approved a merger between SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp., whereby AT&T became a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBC, which was renamed AT&T Inc. *See SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp. Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control*, WC Docket No. 05-65, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 18290 (2005).

² *See Joint Application by SBC Communications Inc., Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Wisconsin Bell, Inc., and Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin*, WC Docket No. 03-167, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 21543 (2003).

³ *See Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements*, WC Docket No. 02-112, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 26869 (2002) (finding that section 272(f)(1) is best interpreted as providing for a state-by-state sunset).