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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 06-5
Comp. Pol. File No. 739

Comments Due: February 6, 2006

Section 214 Application

Applicant: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

On December 8, 2005, 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 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of one of its tariffed services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

BellSouth indicates that its Derived Data Channel Service (DDCS) was originally tariffed in 1993 to satisfy the capabilities identified in its Open Network Architecture (ONA) plan relating to the Clear Access to the Data Portion of Derived Channels Basic Serving Arrangement and the Data over Voice Complimentary Network Service.¹ Specifically, BellSouth states that DDCS provides the capability to allow simultaneous data and voice communication over two-wire, or equivalent loop facilities. BellSouth indicates that these network capabilities were originally requested by an enhanced service provider (ESP), but that ESPs are no longer seeking these capabilities and there are no existing customers for this service. BellSouth asserts that former customers have either converted to substitute BellSouth services such as BellSouth SynchroNet service, channelized BellSouth MegaLink service, a point-to-point service, or to comparable services provided by BellSouth's competitors. BellSouth states that it seeks authority to discontinue DDCS as soon as it receives the necessary regulatory approval, and that it plans to amend its ONA plan and revise its FCC tariff to reflect the proposed changes. BellSouth further represents that it is a dominant carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, BellSouth's application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the sixtieth (60th) day after the release date of this public notice,

¹ BellSouth states that DDCS is listed in Section 7.4.18 of BellSouth's FCC Tariff No. 1.

unless the Commission notifies BellSouth that the grant will not be automatically effective. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, BellSouth may terminate service on **March 7, 2006**. The Commission 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 would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **February 6, 2006**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 06-5 and Comp. Pol. File No. 739**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission’s contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at

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For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit **http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud**.

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