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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON  
PETITION OF BELL SOUTH FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY AND WAIVER TO  
SUPPORT DISASTER PLANNING AND RESPONSE**

**WC DOCKET NO. 06-63**

**Comments Due: April 24, 2006**  
**Reply Comments Due: May 8, 2006**

On April 4, 2006, BellSouth Corporation and its wholly-owned affiliates (collectively referred to as BellSouth) filed a petition requesting Special Temporary Authority (STA) and a waiver of Commission rules to engage in integrated disaster planning and response without observing the structural separation requirements of section 272, 47 U.S.C. § 272. BellSouth requests that the Commission provide BellSouth with the authority to share non public, Bell Operating Company (BOC) network information with any affiliate that operates under the section 272 structural safeguards as necessary to engage in integrated disaster planning. Moreover, BellSouth requests that the Commission make clear that, in the event of a disaster, the Commission will grant AT&T the flexibility to respond efficiently and effectively without regard to section 272, and the Commission's rules governing compliance with section 272, as well as the Commission's network disclosure rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325-51.335). BellSouth seeks the same relief sought by AT&T in its petition for an STA and waiver of the Commission's rules filed on March 10, 2006.<sup>1</sup>

This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of AT&T's petition. This matter 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, 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 is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other requirements 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).

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **April 24, 2006** and reply comments on or before **May 8, 2006**. All filings should refer to **WC Docket No. 06-63**.

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of AT&T Inc. for Special Temporary Authority and Waiver to Support Disaster Planning and Response, WC Docket 06-63 at 6 (filed Mar. 10, 2006). The Bureau issued a public notice requesting comment on this Petition. See *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Petition of AT&T Inc. for Special Temporary Authority and Waiver to Support Disaster Planning and Response*, Public Notice, DA 06-590 (WCB Mar. 17, 2006).

Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
  - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. 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, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto: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.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 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.
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- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Janice Myles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-C140, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to [janice.myles@fcc.gov](mailto:janice.myles@fcc.gov). Parties must also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

Documents in **WC Docket No. 06-63** are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257,

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