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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF AT&T INC. ON BEHALF OF
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST TO
DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 11-45
Comp. Pol. File No. 984

Comments Due: April 1, 2011

Section 214 Application

Applicant: AT&T Inc. on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast

On **February 17, 2011**, **AT&T Inc.** (AT&T or Applicant) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) on behalf of its affiliate, **BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast** (AT&T Southeast), located at **2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583**, 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 certain domestic telecommunications services throughout the AT&T service territories in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee (Service Areas).¹

AT&T indicates that AT&T Southeast currently offers DS3 Digital Video Service (DVS) and Uncompressed Switched Video Service (USVS) in the Service Areas. AT&T explains that DVS is a 45 Mbps premise to premise or premise to POP digital video service. AT&T further explains that USVS is a video transport service that interconnects several video transmit and receive locations with an AT&T video switch. AT&T asserts, however, that AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue these services due to a lack of demand. AT&T specifies that the marketplace currently requires significantly more bandwidth provided on up-to-date technology platforms than is available with DVS. AT&T further explains that the marketplace is investing in switches and is migrating from switched video services like AT&T Southeast's USVS. AT&T indicates that AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue offering DVS and USVS to new customers in the Service Areas on May 1, 2011, subject to Commission approval of this application. AT&T states that AT&T Southeast then plans to continue to provide DVS to existing customers on a month-to-month basis, and to discontinue DVS to existing customers on or after May 1, 2012 with 30 days notice, subject to Commission approval of this application. AT&T indicates that AT&T Southeast also plans to continue to provide USVS to existing customers until their current agreements expire or on a month-to-month basis, and to discontinue USVS to existing customers on or after June 1, 2012 with 30 days notice, subject to Commission approval of this application. AT&T

¹ AT&T's application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau on February 18, 2011.

maintains that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuances because there are many manufacturers of video switching equipment and there are competing advanced video transport services in the marketplace including AT&T's Serial Component Video service and High Definition Video Transport service. AT&T indicates that it notified affected customers of the proposed discontinuances by letters sent via U.S. mail on February 10, 2011. AT&T acknowledges that its application will be processed under the Commission's rules for dominant carriers.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, AT&T's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 60th day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies AT&T that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application and notices to customers, AT&T indicates that AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue offering DVS and USVS to new customers on May 1, 2011, subject to Commission approval of this application. AT&T further indicates that AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue DVS to existing customers on or after May 1, 2012 and to discontinue USVS to existing customers on or after June 1, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this application. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of AT&T's application and notices, absent further Commission action, AT&T Southeast may cease to offer DVS and USVS to new customers in the Service Areas on or after **May 1, 2011**, and may terminate service to existing DVS and USVS customers in the Service Areas on or after May 1, 2012 and June 1, 2012 respectively, in accordance with its filed representations. The Commission normally will 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 **April 1, 2011**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 11-45 and Comp. Pol. File No. 984**. 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 Web site 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 file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 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, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two 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-C140, 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) 418-1413, 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 FCC@BCPIWEB.COM. People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

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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