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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF AT&T SERVICES, INC. ON BEHALF OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC; ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY; INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.; MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY; NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY; THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY; PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY; SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND WISCONSIN BELL, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 15-38
Comp. Pol. File No. 1204

Comments Due: March 27, 2015

Section 214 Application

Applicant: AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast; Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana; Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan; Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada; The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio; Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Southwest; and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin

On February 9, 2015, AT&T Services, Inc. (AT&T or Applicant) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) on behalf of its affiliates, **BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast; Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana; Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan; Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada; The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio; Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Southwest; and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin** (AT&T Affiliates), located at **2000 W. AT&T Center Drive, Rm. 2C60, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192**, 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 a certain domestic telecommunications service in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin (collectively, Service Areas).¹

¹ See Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC; Illinois Bell Telephone Company; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc.; Michigan Bell Telephone Company; Nevada Bell Telephone Company; The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue

AT&T indicates that the AT&T Affiliates currently offer AT&T Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) Calling Card Service in the Service Areas (AT&T LEC Calling Card Service or Affected Service). According to AT&T, this service is a post-paid calling card service that allows users to place intrastate IntraLATA calls by dialing a company-provided toll-free access code or number. AT&T adds that interLATA, interstate and/or international calls also are available through interexchange carrier arrangements. AT&T explains that the Affected Service allows such calls to be billed to a customer specific telephone number after the call is placed. AT&T states, however, that calling card usage has been declining for several years due to the market growth of other communications methods including mobile phones, email, social media streams and voice over Internet Protocol. Accordingly, AT&T indicates that the AT&T Affiliates now plan to discontinue the Affected Service in the Service Areas on or after April 20, 2015, subject to Commission authorization.² The Applicant emphasizes that this proposed discontinuance will not impact any of the AT&T Affiliates' prepaid calling card services or any prepaid minutes associated with those cards. In addition, AT&T maintains that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuance because the AT&T Affiliates currently do not have any customers using this service. AT&T asserts that it is considered dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

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, AT&T indicates that the AT&T Affiliates plan to discontinue the Affected Service in the Service Areas on or after April 20, 2015, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of the Application, absent further Commission action, the AT&T Affiliates may discontinue AT&T LEC Calling Card Service in the Service Areas on or after **April 26, 2015**, in accordance with AT&T's 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.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **March 27, 2015**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 15-38 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1204**. 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 may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/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 who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy 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

the Provision of Service, WC Docket No. 15-38 (filed Feb. 9, 2015),
<http://appsint.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001015219> (Application).

² Discontinuance of international service is governed by section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

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 and boxes 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.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.³ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@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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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*