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APPLICATION OF AT&T SERVICES, INC., ON BEHALF OF ITS AFFILIATE, AT&T CORP. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC NON-DOMINANT CARRIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED

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On July 13, 2021, AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate, AT&T Corp. (AT&T), 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 AT&T Residential Local Service in California.¹ On July 27, 2021, the Commission released a public notice seeking comment on the Application and stating that the Application would be automatically granted on August 27, 2021.² The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) filed a comment in opposition to an automatic grant of AT&T's discontinuance application with the FCC.³ The Commission requires additional time to complete its review. Accordingly, the Application as filed with the Commission will not be automatically granted.⁴ We emphasize that our removal of AT&T's application from the automatic grant process should not be construed as a final determination on the merits of AT&T's request for authority to discontinue service.

For further information, contact Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 applications, please visit https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/domestic-section-214-discontinuance-service.

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¹ See Section 63.71 Application of AT&T Corp., WC Docket No. 21-296 (filed July 13, 2021) (Application). https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10713195727859/ATT%20%20214%20%20CA%20CLEC%20Discontinuance%20final%20071321.pdf.

² See https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/072710867791/DA-21-919A1.pdf.

³ See, https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/108112700423045/WC%20Docket%20No%2021-296%20CPUC%20Comments.pdf.

⁴ Section 63.71(f) of the Commission's rules states, in relevant part, that such applications to discontinue, reduce or impair service "shall be automatically granted on the 31st day... unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective." 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f).