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**Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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**COMMENTS INVITED ON NYNEX LONG DISTANCE COMPANY
d/b/a BELL ATLANTIC LONG DISTANCE TO DISCONTINUE PROVISION OF
INTERSTATE DOMESTIC INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE**

NSD File No. W-P-D-453

Section 214 Application

Applicant: NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic Long Distance

On January 28, 2000, NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic Long Distance ("Applicant") filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue provision of interstate domestic interexchange services that primarily consist of presubscribed resold circuit-switched voice services. Applicant intends to discontinue service on or after February 29, 2000 in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, and Wyoming.

Applicant indicates that this discontinuance affects 543 customers in the eleven states and that affected customers may readily subscribe to similar services provided by many other carriers, including Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., where available, as well as non-affiliated service providers. Applicant states that discontinuation is necessary to permit it to cease use of various systems and services provided since July 1999 on unfavorable terms by an unaffiliated supplier while implementing alternative systems in an orderly fashion.

Applicant's application appears to be complete. Applicant states that it has notified all affected customers of its proposed discontinuance, informing them of steps to take to maintain service using alternate carriers and of rights to file objections with the Commission. Applicant has submitted a copy of its application to the Secretary of Defense, the Governor of each affected state, and the Public Service Commission of each affected state.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the 31st day after the date of this public notice, without any Commission notification to

the applicant, unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC 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 is otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **March 8, 2000**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-453**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554. The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270.

For further information, contact Al McCloud, (202) 418-2499 (voice), amccloud@fcc.gov or Marty Schwimmer, (202) 418-2320 (voice), mschwimm@fcc.gov, of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484.

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