

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.63 Application of	)	
AT&T Corp.	)	
BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.	)	File No.
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC	)	
SBC Long Distance	)	
Teleport Communications America, LLC	)	
	)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,	)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	

**SECTION 63.63 APPLICATION OF AT&T**

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates AT&T Corp., BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, SBC Long Distance, and Teleport Communications America, LLC, collectively referenced herein as “AT&T”, seeks emergency authorization under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.63 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, to suspend AT&T’s interstate telecommunications services until services can be restored.

As required by Section 63.63(a) of the Commission’s rules, AT&T provides the following information:

**(1) The effective date of such discontinuance, reduction, or impairment, and the identification of the service area affected;**

AT&T’s services were discontinued on October 10, 2018 after Hurricane Michael made landfall as a Category 4 storm.

**(2) The nature and estimated duration of the conditions causing the discontinuance, reduction, or impairment;**

On October 7, 2018, Florida Governor Rick Scott declared a state of emergency as Tropical Storm Michael approached Florida.<sup>1</sup> It's speed and intensity continued to increase as it approached, and it made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane on October 10, 2018. Hurricane Michael destroyed many facilities in its path such as buildings, utility poles, aerial cable (both electric and telecommunications), and street signs.

AT&T has 10 central offices that were impacted by the storm, which included 839 distribution areas (DAs). After assessing these 839 DAs in the field, AT&T determined that its facilities in 474 DAs had no damage; the facilities in 82 DAs were able to be repaired and restored quickly; and the facilities in 392 DAs incurred damage requiring more complex restoration plans. The affected area includes most of northwest Florida, including the following cities: Bainbridge, Calloway, Chippley, Graceville, Havana, Laguna Beach, Lynn Haven, Panama City, Panama City Beach, Sunny Hills, Vernon, and Youngstown/Fountain.<sup>2</sup>

AT&T's Outside Plant Construction and Engineering personnel remain on site and continue their work to restore service in the remaining 392 DAs.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Gov. Scott Issues Updates on Hurricane Michael, <https://www.flgov.com/2018/10/08/gov-scott-issues-updates-on-hurricane-michael/>.

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment A – Maps illustrating the area including the 392 DAs requiring more extensive restoration.

<sup>3</sup> In the event of disasters that prompt the triggering of a disaster recovery plan, the Commission's rules grant ILECs a limited exemption (of up to 180 days) from the advanced notification and waiting period requirements contained in its network disclosure rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325-335) to allow the ILECs to concentrate on restoration efforts. See 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(g)(1). AT&T is undertaking emergency restoral activities pursuant to this exemption. Once restoral assessments are completed, AT&T will file the relevant network change notifications associated with network changes that were a direct result of damage to the AT&T network infrastructure caused by this event.

**(3) The facts showing that such conditions could not reasonably have been foreseen by the carrier in sufficient time to prevent such discontinuance, reduction, or impairment;**

As noted above, the discontinuance of service was caused by a hurricane and severe flooding, which was completely beyond AT&T's control.

**(4) A description of the services involved;**

AT&T provides numerous residential and business interstate voice, private line, data and video services in this area.<sup>4</sup>

**(5) The nature of service which will be available or substituted;**

AT&T plans to restore services to all areas it served before Hurricane Michael. AT&T is deploying a variety of technologies and configurations in an effort to restore services in an expedited fashion and is concurrently deploying long-term restoral solutions. AT&T will update the Commission, as needed, if it determines that it will discontinue offering any of its existing services.

**(6) The effect upon rates to any person in the community;**

AT&T is unaware of any effect this suspension may have upon rates to any person in the community.

**(7) The efforts made and to be made by applicant to restore the original service or establish comparable service as expeditiously as possible.**

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<sup>4</sup> See AT&T Corp. Service Publications: AT&T Business Service Guide, Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 Consumer Telecommunications Service, Domestic Service Guides, F.C.C. Tariff No. 2, F.C.C. Tariff No. 4; BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. Service Publications: Residential Service Guide, Business Service Guide, F.C.C. Tariff No. 3, F.C.C. Informational Tariff; BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida Service Publications: Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 – Access Services; Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 – Special Construction; Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 – Radiotelephone Message Telecommunications Service and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 – Interstate IntraLATA Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service; SBC Long Distance Service Publications: Tariff F.C.C. No. 18, Tariff F.C.C. No. 19, Voice Product Reference and Pricing Guidebook for Interexchange, Interstate and International Service; Teleport Telecommunications America, LLC Service Publications: AT&T Business Service Guide, F.C.C. Tariff No. 2.

AT&T is restoring its facilities in the areas impacted by the Hurricane and related events based on location and/or customer access. AT&T has replaced and/or repaired (where possible) existing facilities that served structures that were salvageable.

**Conclusion:**

AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission grant AT&T's Section 63.63 Application to suspend AT&T's interstate services where its facilities were damaged in northwest Florida until these services can be rebuilt as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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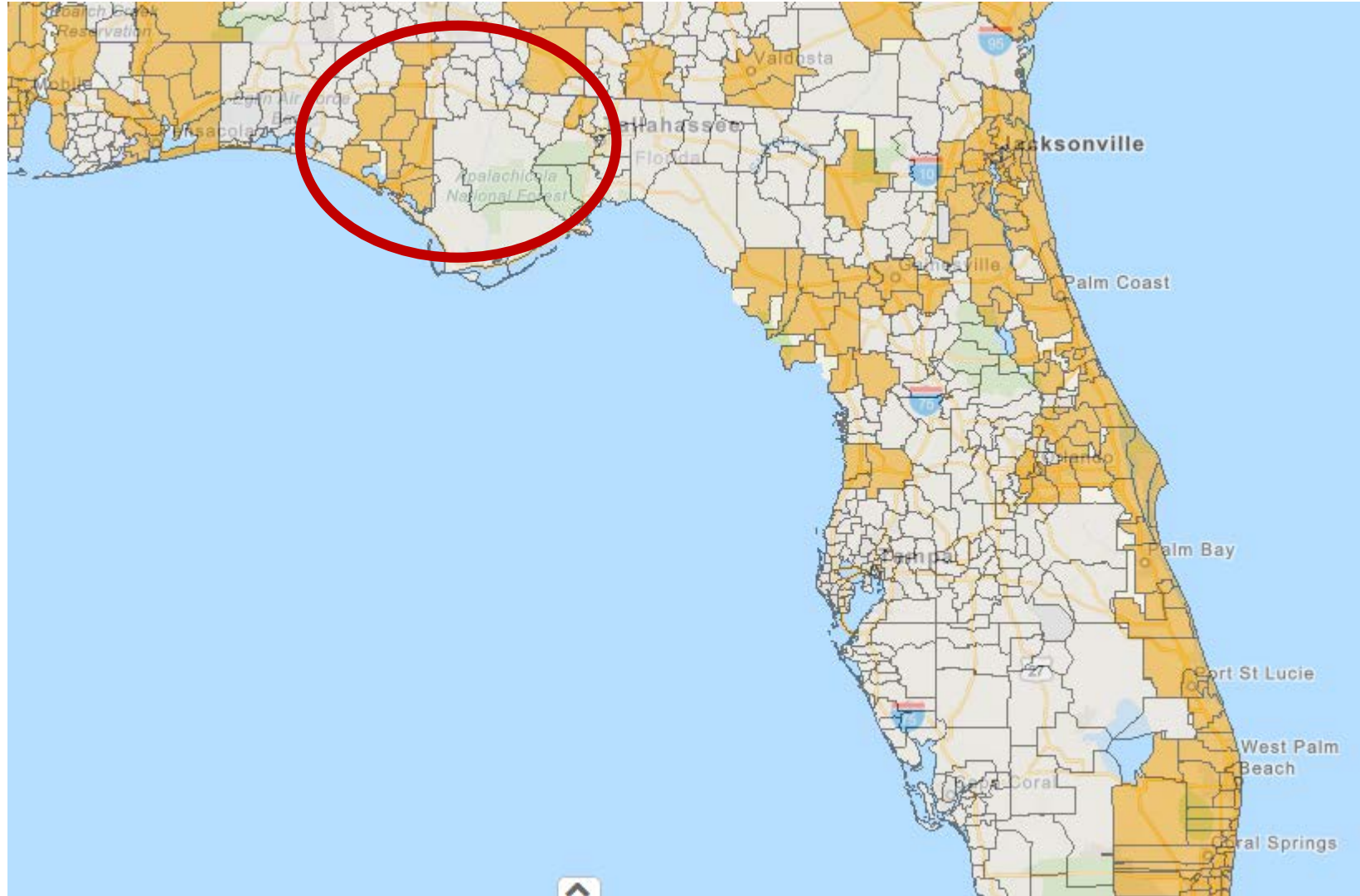
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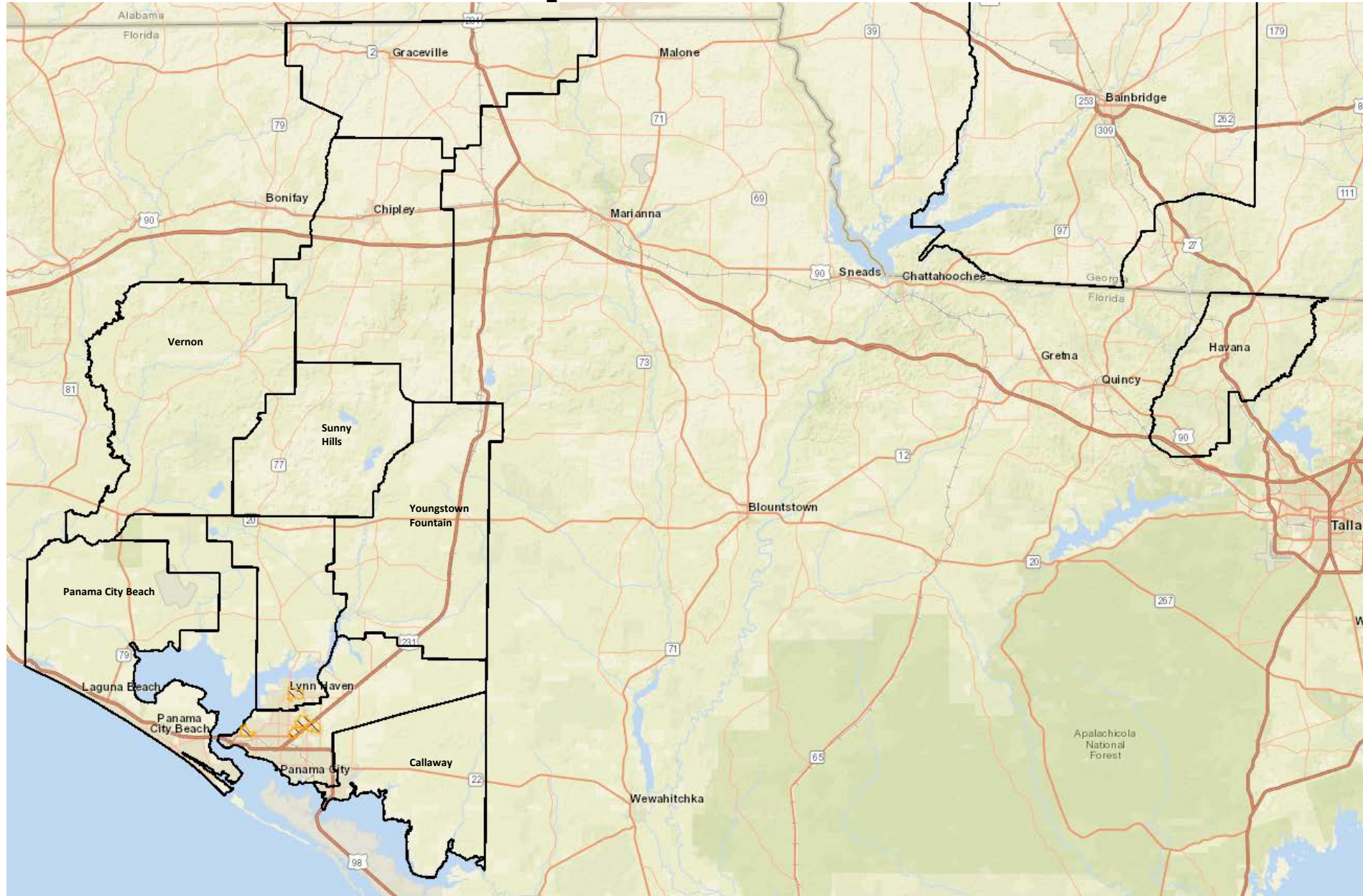
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# ATTACHMENT A

# Hurricane Michael Impacted Area



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# Areas out of service in cross hatch

