In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,
To Discontinue the Provision of Service

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a/ AT&T Southwest, collectively referenced herein as AT&T, applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214 and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering certain service options.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules, AT&T is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Southwest
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Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T plans to discontinue offering these service options to its customers on or after February 28, 2017, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance.
Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T will discontinue this service throughout its geographic service areas in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T is discontinuing the following service options that are currently available in the Southwestern Bell Company Tariff FCC No. 73:

1. **Telegraph Bridging Four-Wire Capability**: Bridging functions on a telegraph grade circuit that connect three or more customer designate premises in a multipoint arrangement.


3. **Voice-grade Active Telemetry & Alarm Bridging Split Band Capability**: Telemetry & Alarm bridging network which divides the voice band into two portions, one for each direction of transmission.

4. **Voice-grade Active Telemetry & Alarm Bridging Summation**: Telemetry & Alarm unidirectional bridging where narrowband tones are transmitted from remote premises and summed at a 2-wire bridge.


6. **Voice-grade Telephoto bridging Two-wire**: Provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications.

7. **Direct Analog Service Telephoto Capability**: Provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications.
8. **Voice-grade Telephoto bridging Four-wire**: Provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications.

9. **Voice-Grade Telephoto Capability**: Provide control of attenuation distortion and envelope delay on telephotographic services.

10. **Voice-grade Signaling Capability**: Provides a process by which one customer premises alerts another customer premises on the same service.

11. **Voice-grade Transfer Arrangement (4 or 5 ports)**: An arrangement that allows a customer to transfer a portion of a special access service to another channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer premises. A key activated or dial-up control service is required to operate the transfer arrangement.

12. **Voice-grade High Capacity Transfer Arrangement Key Activated**: An arrangement that allows a customer to transfer a portion of a special access service to another channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer premises using a key activated system.

13. **Key Activated Control Channel**: Service channel used to operate transfer arrangement services.

AT&T is discontinuing these services because there is no market demand for these service options. AT&T currently has no customers that subscribe to these service options and has not had any requests seeking these service options in the previous two years.
Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):  

As stated above, AT&T has no customers that subscribe to these service options. Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commissions and governors of the affected states and territories, and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission’s rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):  

AT&T offers these services pursuant to dominant carrier regulation. Questions about this application may be addressed to Debbie Clemens, Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3066.

Conclusion:  

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of these service options because there is no demand. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the service options discussed herein.
Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lacretia Hill, certify that I have, on December 15, 2016 served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of AT&T by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses below.

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