

WC Docket No. 14-162

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of )  
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BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a )  
AT&T Southeast )  
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service )

File No.

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC  
D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("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 Wavelength Channel service option 1.25G ("WL 1.25") throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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

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

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast  
One AT&T Way  
Bedminster, NJ 07921

**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a) (2), (b)(2)):**

AT&T plans to discontinue offering this service to new customers on or after October 27, 2014. Also on that date, existing customers will no longer be allowed to purchase new arrangements or to make changes to existing arrangements. AT&T currently plans to discontinue existing arrangements on or after July 17, 2017 to the extent this date is consistent with existing contractual commitments.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):**

AT&T will no longer offer WL 1.25 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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

Wavelength Channel service with 1.25Gbps option provides high volume optical transport capabilities in a point-to-point configuration. AT&T is discontinuing this service due to low customer demand and because the equipment used to provide the service has become outdated. AT&T offers Wavelength Channel service 1Gbps Ethernet option as a substitute for this service. Therefore, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the discontinuance of this service because AT&T has a comparable replacement service.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §63.71(b)(3)):**

AT&T notified its customers of its intention to discontinue this service by letter sent via first class U.S. Mail on September 18, 2014.<sup>1</sup> Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A

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

AT&T offers WL 1.25G service pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Dave Talbott, AT&T Services, Inc.,  
Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036,  
(202) 457-3039.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of WL 1.25 because AT&T offers a comparable service that will meet the needs of the market. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue this service.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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September 19, 2014

# ATTACHMENT A



AT&T  
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September 18, 2014



**Important Notice Regarding the Grandfathering of  
BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service 1.25G Option  
Change in Service on or after 10/27/2014**

AT&T values your business and we would like to update you on some important changes underway for BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service.

Subject to regulatory approval, AT&T plans to stop offering BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service 1.25G option on or after 10/27/2014 (the "Grandfather Date") in the AT&T Southeast Region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee). After the Grandfather Date, the 1.25G option will not be available to new customers, and existing customers will no longer be allowed to purchase new arrangements or to make changes to existing arrangements. AT&T plans to discontinue all existing service arrangements on or after July 2017 (the "Sunset Date"), also subject to regulatory approval and to the extent consistent with existing commitments. These changes are a result of the outdated nature of the equipment used to support the BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service 1.25G option.

As a replacement for the BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service 1.25G option, AT&T recommends the new Wavelength Channel Service 1GE option as the new service arrangement for future orders. AT&T will also work with you to transition your existing service to the new Wavelength Channel Service 1GE or an alternative service.

Your business is important to us. We want to ensure that you are obtaining the most suitable services for your needs. Please contact your Account Manager or other members of your Sales Team if you have any questions. Thank you for choosing AT&T.

Sincerely,

J. Narramore  
Senior Product Marketing Manager  
AT&T Operations, Inc.

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One AT&T Way  
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**AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

**Please do not send inquiries or payments to the return address on this notice. If you have comments or questions, please contact AT&T Customer Service at the toll-free number on your bill.**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, **Shandee Felton**, certify that I have, on September 19, 2014, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Communications LLC., d/b/a AT&T Southeast by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses below:

/s/Shandee Felton  
Shandee Felton

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