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Ref: 63.71 Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to a proposed discontinuance of AT&T Long Distance Calling Card Service and Value Card Plus Service that is being presented before the FCC for approval on or after March 2, 2015. As a consumer who utilizes AT&T's Long Distance Calling Cards, I want to state that eliminating this beneficial feature would be quite detrimental economically, to myself who has not found any other comparable and affordable option to complete long distance calls originating and terminating within the United States and International points. There currently does not exist, here in Texas, other carriers who offer a similar or substitute service, both in terms of cost and features, as these calling cards provide. In addition, consumers who utilize land line service here in Texas have very little choice when it comes to land line service providers other than AT&T. Eliminating this feature, without considering that there are no other land line providers that provide a similar service would place a significant expense burden on consumers who rely on these cards to make long distance calls, especially low income individuals. Individuals, such as myself, who cannot afford the expense of a cellular service, would most likely have to give up making long distance calls entirely. It must be pointed out that here in the Gulf Coast, land line service is critical in this hurricane prone region, due to its reliability, and the ability to make long distance calls utilizing calling cards becomes even more important during the hurricane season. I am sure that other calling card users, who may be unaware of this proposed change, would agree as well.

For these reasons, I sincerely hope the Federal Communication Commission will reject the proposed elimination of the AT&T Long Distance Calling Card Service and Value Card Plus Service and retain this worthwhile benefit to the consumer.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

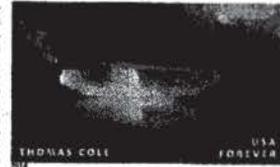
Very truly yours,

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