

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
Section 63.71 Application of)	
)	File No.
Illinois Bell Telephone Company,)	
Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc.,)	
Michigan Bell Telephone Company,)	
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company,)	
Wisconsin Bell, Inc.)	
)	
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 AT&T

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates, Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, 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)):

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois
Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana
Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan

The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio
Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin

The address for these entities for purposes of this application is:

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 these service options to its customers on or after July 1, 2016, 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 their respective geographic service areas in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

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 Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff FCC No. 2:

1. **Metallic Service Central Office Three Bridging Capability:** Connection of Tip-to-Tip and Ring-to-Ring 2-Wire metallic pair to a third customer premise.
2. **Metallic Service Central Office Series Bridging Capability:** Connection of Tip-to-Tip and Ring-to-Ring 2-Wire metallic pair to up to 26 customer premises.
3. **Telegraph Grade Service 2-Wire and 4-Wire Bridging:** Connection of a 2-Wire or 4-Wire telegraph grade circuit to additional customer premises.
4. **Direct Analog Service Telephoto Bridging:** Bridging of direct analog circuit that provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications.

5. **Direct Analog Service Telemetry and Alarm Bridging:** Connection of an alarm circuit or telemetry circuit (automatic measurement and transmission of data by wire from remote sources for recording and analysis) to additional customer premises.
6. **Direct Analog Service Central Office Multiplexing:** Multiplexing of a direct analog circuit into telegraph grade channels within the transmission capabilities of that circuit.
7. **Direct Analog Service Telephoto Capability:** Provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications.
8. **Direct Analog Service Code Select Signaling Arrangement:** An arrangement that permits code selective ringing for up to ten codes on direct analog multipoint service.
9. **Direct Analog Service Transfer Arrangement:** Provides protection against failure of a direct analog circuit between a customer designated premises and the wire center serving that premise. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare line when the working line fails.
10. **Direct Analog Service Improved Voice Transmission (4-Wire):** Provides line conditioning of 4-Wire direct analog circuit.
11. **Direct Digital Service Bridging:** Capability to connect three or more customer premises together on a single direct digital circuit through a designated bridging office.

12. Direct Digital Service Loop Transfer Arrangement: Provides protection against failure of a direct digital circuit (dedicated private line digital service that provides four-wire full-duplex, synchronous, serial transmission at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 and 56 Kbps) between a customer designated premises and the wire center serving that premise. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare line when the working line fails.

13. Base Rate Service Loop Transfer Arrangement: Provides protection against failure of a base rate circuit (dedicated private line digital service that provides four-wire full-duplex, synchronous, serial transmission at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56 and 64 Kbps) between a customer designated premises and the wire center serving that premise. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare line when the working line fails.

14. DS1 Service Transfer Arrangement: Transfer of a segment 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.

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. Out of an abundance of caution, on April 6, 2016, AT&T sent an electronic notification to its CLEC customers¹, and on April 6, 2016 posted the notice to its website.

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 David Talbott, AT&T Services, Inc., Assistant Vice-President – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

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.

¹ See AT&T Accessible Letter dated March 28, 2016, AT&T Mid-West Region, Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A



Accessible

Date: **April 6, 2016**

Number: **CLECAM16-017**

Effective Date: **On or After July 1, 2016**

Category: **Other**

Subject: **(ORDERING AND PROVISIONING) AT&T MIDWEST REGION - Announces the Elimination of Certain Special Access Features and Functions for Ordering on or After July 1, 2016**

Related Letters: **None**

Attachment: **NA**

States Impacted: **Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin**

Issuing ILECs: **AT&T Illinois, AT&T Indiana, AT&T Michigan, AT&T Ohio and AT&T Wisconsin (collectively referred to for purposes of this Accessible Letter as "AT&T Midwest Region")**

Response Deadline: **NA**

Contact: **Account Manager**

Conference Call/Meeting: **NA**

Effective on or after July 1, 2016, AT&T Midwest Region will remove the following special access features and functions, along with the corresponding USOCs, from Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff FCC No. 2:

Features and/or Functions	USOCs
Metallic Service Central Office Bridging Capability	BCNM3, BCNMS
Telegraph Grade Service Bridging	BCNT2, BCNT4
Direct Analog Service Telephoto Bridging	BCNF2, BCNF4
Direct Analog Service Telemetry and Alarm Bridging	CNLRX, BCNSA
Direct Analog Service Central Office Multiplexing	MOX
Direct Analog Service Telephoto Capability	XTCPT
Direct Analog Service Code Select Signaling Arrangement	USZ
Direct Analog Service Transfer Arrangement	USY, US5
Direct Analog Service DAL Improved Voice Transmission (four wire)	4WV
Direct Digital Service Bridging	BCNDA
Direct Digital Service Loop Transfer Arrangement	XTD
Base Rate Service Loop Transfer Arrangement	XTD
Base Service and DS1 Service Transfer Arrangement for 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, and 56KBps, and 1.544Mbps	UTYX1, UTYX2, UTYX3, UTYX4, UTYX5

These services and features are no longer in use and have not been provided to any customers for at least two years. Once they have been removed from the tariff, they will no longer be available.

If you have questions related to these changes, please contact your AT&T Account Manager.

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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 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may 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 §63.71 Application of Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Indiana Bell Telephone Co. Inc., Ohio Bell Telephone Co., Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Lacretia Hill**, certify that I have, on April 12, 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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