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

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In the Matter of)
)
Request of Limited Modification of) File No.
LATA Boundaries to Provide EAS)
between the Leesville Exchange)
and the Florien Exchange.)

PETITION OF AT&T INC. FOR MODIFICATION
OF A LATA BOUNDARY IN LOUISIANA

I. INTRODUCTION

AT&T Inc., on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Louisiana ("AT&T"), pursuant to Section 3(25) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ and in accordance with the guidelines established in the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O) released July 15, 1997 in CC Docket No. 96-159,² hereby submits an application for a limited modification of the LATA boundaries to provide Expanded Area Service ("EAS") between the Leesville and Florien exchanges in Louisiana.

II. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

As required by paragraph 23 of the aforementioned MO&O, AT&T provides the following information in support of its application:

- 1. Type of service: Flat-rate, non-optional EAS;
- 2. Direction of service: Two-way;

¹ The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. *et al.*

² *Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) at Various Locations*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 96-159, 12 FCC Rcd 10646 (1997).

3. Exchanges involved: Leesville in the Lafayette LATA and Florien in the Shreveport LATA;
4. Name of carriers: AT&T Louisiana is the predominant carrier in the Leesville and Florien exchanges.
5. State commission approval(s): See Attachment A;
6. Number of access lines or customers: The Leesville exchange has 15,356 access lines, and the Florien exchange has 2,065 access lines;
7. Usage data: Usage data is not available to AT&T. AT&T does not currently carry traffic across LATA boundaries for this situation;
8. Poll results: No polls were conducted since the local service rates will not change with the proposed new EAS plan.
9. Rate change: No AT&T Louisiana customer bills will be increased as a result of the new EAS plan.
10. Community of interest statement: The Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) includes a Community of Interest Finding in their Order(s). See Exhibit A.

To amplify on the LPSC's statement of a strong community of interest due to geographic proximity, the communities of Leesville and Florien are approximately 24 miles apart. However, these exchanges serve several surrounding communities such as Sandel and Anacoco which are separated by less than half this distance.
11. Map: See Exhibit B; and,
12. Other pertinent information: None

III. **PRIMA FACIE SHOWING**

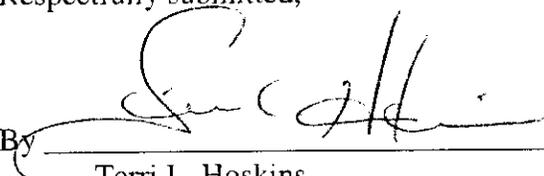
AT&T believes that it has made a *prima facie* case supporting grant of the proposed modification because the instant EAS petition (1) has been approved by the state commission; (2) proposes only traditional local service (i.e., flat-rate, non-optional EAS); (3) indicates that the

state commission found a sufficient community of interest to warrant such service; and, (4) involves a limited number of customers or access lines.

IV. CONCLUSION

Wherefore, AT&T requests that the Commission approve its application for a limited modification of LATA boundaries to provide EAS between the Leesville exchange and the Florien exchange.

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EXHIBIT A

Copy of Louisiana Public Service Commission's Order Approving EAS between the Leesville exchange in the Lafayette LATA and the Florien exchange in the Shreveport LATA, in the state of Louisiana.

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 13-2007

In Re: LPSC, ex parte, In Re: Implementation of InterLATA EAS service between the
Leesville and Florien exchanges and authority to request LATA relief from the FCC.

(Decided at the February 14, 2007 Business and Executive Session)

The communities of Leesville and Florien have a strong community of interest because of their geographic proximity and similar economic bases. For this reason, and as it has done in the past in similar circumstances, the Commission has requested BellSouth provide flat rate, non-optional extended area service ("EAS") between the Leesville exchange and the Florien exchange. However, as these exchanges are located in different Local Access and Transport Areas ("LATAs"), specifically the Lafayette and Shreveport LATAs, BellSouth will be required to petition the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for LATA boundary relief prior to implementing this service. In past instances in which a petition has been required, this Commission has issued an order approving the ILEC's request to provide InterLATA EAS and authorizing the ILEC to make such a filing.

In accordance with the above, and consistent with the Commission's prior actions, Staff recommended the Commission request BellSouth provide EAS between the Leesville and Florien exchanges and further authorize BellSouth to petition the FCC for LATA boundary relief in order to provide this service. The Commission considered this matter at its February 14, 2007 Business and Executive Session. On motion of Commissioner Sittig, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Recommendation and authorize BellSouth to petition the FCC for LATA boundary relief in order for BellSouth to provide EAS service between the Leesville and Florien exchanges.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. BellSouth provide flat rate, non-optional extended area service ("EAS") between the Leesville exchange and the Florien exchange.
2. The Commission authorizes BellSouth to petition the FCC for LATA boundary relief in

EXHIBIT

A

order for BellSouth to provide EAS service between the Leesville and Florien exchanges.

3. This Order shall be effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

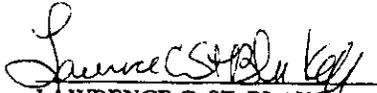
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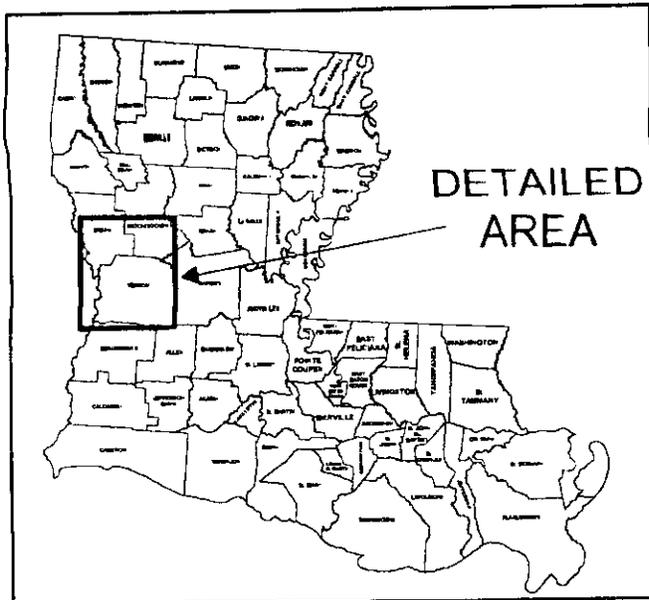
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EXHIBIT B

Copy of Vicinity Map detailing the area affected by the establishment of Extended Area Service between the Florien exchange (Shreveport LATA) and the Leesville exchange (Lafayette LATA) in the state of Louisiana.



VICINITY MAP
 Detailing the Area Affected by the
 Establishment of Extended Area
 Service between the Florien exchange
 (Shreveport LATA) and the Leesville
 exchange (Lafayette LATA)

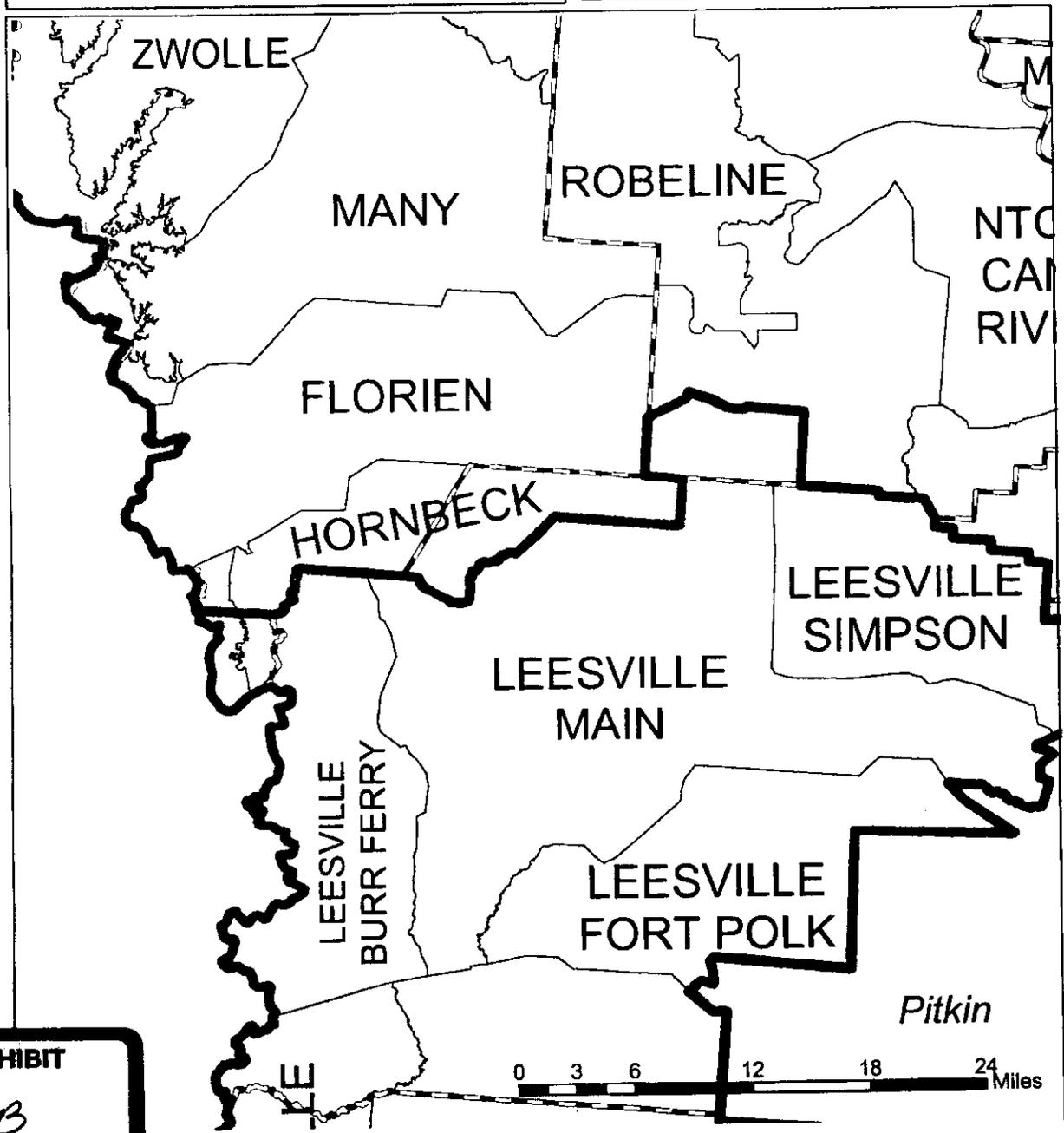
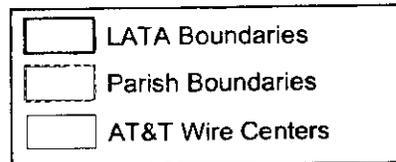


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