

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance under)
47 U.S.C. §160(c) with Regard to Certain)
Dominant Carrier Regulations for In-Region.)
Interexchange Services)
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WC Docket No. 06-120

ORDER

Adopted: May 30, 2007

Released: May 30, 2007

By the Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this Order, pursuant to section 10(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act),¹ we extend by 90 days the date by which the petition requesting forbearance, filed by AT&T Inc. (AT&T),² shall be deemed granted in the absence of a Commission decision that the petition fails to meet the standards for forbearance under section 10(a) of the Act.³

2. On June 2, 2006, AT&T filed a petition requesting that the Commission forbear from: (1) applying certain dominant carrier regulations to in-region, interstate and international, interexchange services provided by any AT&T affiliates; (2) certain separate affiliate regulations that apply to AT&T's provision of these services in the territories of its affiliates that are not Bell Operating Companies (BOCs); and (3) inbound call "scripting" obligations that require BOCs to inform new customers that they have a choice of long distance providers and to read them a list of providers.⁴

3. Section 10(c) of the Act states that a petition for forbearance shall be deemed granted if the Commission does not deny the petition for failure to meet the requirements for forbearance under section 10(a) within one year after the Commission receives it, unless the Commission extends the one-year period.⁵ The Commission may extend the initial one-year period by an additional 90 days if the Commission finds that an extension is necessary to meet the requirements of section 10(a).⁶

4. The petition under review raises significant questions regarding whether forbearance from application of certain of the Commission's dominant carrier regulations, separate affiliate regulations, and inbound call "scripting" obligations meets the statutory requirements set forth in section 10(a). The Bureau thus finds that a 90-day extension is warranted under section 10(c).

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 160(c).

² See Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) with Regard to Certain Dominant Carrier Regulations for In-Region, Interexchange Services, WC Docket No. 06-120 (filed June 2, 2006) (AT&T Petition).

³ 47 U.S.C. § 160(a).

⁴ AT&T Petition at 1, 4 (citing 47 U.S.C. §§ 251(g), 272; 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.1901-64.1903).

⁵ 47 U.S.C. § 160(c).

⁶ See, e.g., *Petition of Ameritech Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of Section 275(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended*, CC Docket No. 98-65, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 6415 (Com. Car. Bur. 1999).

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 10 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 160, and authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291,⁷ the date on which the petition seeking forbearance filed by AT&T shall be deemed granted, in the absence of a Commission denial of the petition for failure to meet the statutory standards for forbearance, is extended to August 31, 2007.

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⁷ See 47 U.S.C. § 155(c).