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In the Matter of RECEIVED)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
AT&T Communications of the Southern)
States, LLC and AT&T Communications)
of the South Central States, LLC)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF
THE SOUTHERN STATES, LLC AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, LLC**

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC ("AT&T Comm-Southern") and AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC ("AT&T Comm-South Central"), affiliates of AT&T Inc., apply 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, to discontinue AT&T Comm-Southern's provision of interstate residential local exchange service in North Carolina, South Carolina and AT&T Comm-South Central's provision of interstate residential local exchange service in Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central provide the following information:

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

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC
AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC
P.O. Box 430
Bedminster, NJ 07921-0430

AT&T Comm Southern - NC SC
AT&T Comm SC - TN

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

In North Carolina and Tennessee, AT&T Comm-Southern and AT&T Comm-South Central, respectively, plan to no longer offer service to new customers on or after August 20, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). AT&T Comm-South^{en} and AT&T Comm-South Central plan to discontinue service to existing customers on or after October 29, 2007.

In South Carolina, AT&T Comm-South^{en} plans to no longer offer service to new customers on or after August 20, 2007, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). AT&T Comm-South plans to discontinue service to existing customers on or after November 12, 2007.

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

Interstate residential local exchange service will be discontinued throughout the AT&T Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central service areas in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively.

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

Interstate residential local exchange service is basic telephone exchange service that allows customers to make local calls within a local exchange, which includes local calling areas that cross state boundary lines.

As a result of the acquisition of BellSouth Corporation and its subsidiaries by AT&T Inc., AT&T Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central are migrating their respective residential local exchange customers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee to one local service platform in each state. If this Application is approved, the interstate residential local exchange services currently provided by AT&T Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central will be

provided in their respective states by their incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") affiliates, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Tennessee, in such states.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there are many alternative providers of local exchange telephone services, including but not limited to the AT&T ILEC affiliates referenced above.¹ Furthermore, none of the affected customers should experience a loss in service as AT&T Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central plan to automatically migrate the affected customers to the appropriate AT&T ILEC affiliate unless the customers elect to receive local exchange service from another provider pursuant to the process outlined in § 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules.

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

AT&T Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central notified their respective customers by letters sent via U.S. Mail on June 22, 2007. A copy of the letters are attached hereto as Attachment A.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commissions and governors of the states affected 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 Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central are considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

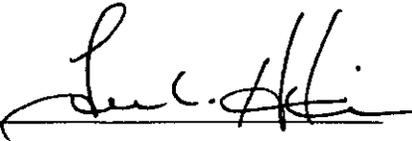
¹ For example, NOS Communications, Inc., Talk America, Inc., and Time Warner Telecom are among the alternative providers of residential local service in North Carolina; 1-800-Reconnex, Inc., Birch Telecom and Frontier Communications of America are among the alternative providers of local service in Tennessee; 1-800-Reconnex, Inc., United Telephone, and ACN Communication Services, Inc. are among the alternative providers of local service in South Carolina.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc.,
Director – 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 this service since there are alternative providers of local exchange service. Therefore, AT&T Comm-South and AT&T Comm-South Central respectfully request that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue interstate residential local exchange service in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Its Attorneys

June 25, 2007

Attachment A



June 22, 2007

Re: FCC Required Notice regarding your local service from AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC. No action is required on your part at this time.

Dear Valued Customer:

In December 2006, AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation joined together to form what is today the new AT&T. In an effort to pass the full benefits of this union on to our customers, we are integrating the best of our combined services to provide you with an opportunity to take advantage of exciting new products and services.

Effective August 20, 2007, local service provided by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC will no longer be available for new service. This means you may not add new lines, change local calling plans, and/or move your existing local service if a new number is required. You are receiving this FCC-required notice because your local residential service includes state-to-state calling.

AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC will discontinue its local residential service in Tennessee on or after October 29, 2007, pending regulatory approval. As a result, your existing local residential service will be transitioned to AT&T Tennessee.¹ You will receive another letter with additional details, including other options available to you, approximately 30 days before the changes take place.

Note: AT&T long distance services are not affected by this notice.

AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC must file a request to discontinue service at the FCC. 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 §63.71 Application of AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC. 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.

We value you as our customer and look forward to continuing to meet your telecommunications service needs.

Sincerely,

AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC
P.O. Box 430
Bedminster, NJ 07921-0430

¹ BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 25th day of June 2007, served a copy of the foregoing
Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill
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Washington, D.C. 20301