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Section 63.71 Application of )  
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Illinois Bell Telephone Company, )  
Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc., )  
Michigan Bell Telephone Company, )  
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, )  
The Southern New England Telephone Company, )  
Wisconsin Bell, Inc. )  
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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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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF 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, THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T CONNECTICUT, AND WISCONSIN BELL, INC. D/B/A AT&T WISCONSIN**

AT&T 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, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, (herein after "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 Digital Video Service (DVS) and Supertrunking Video Service (SVS) throughout their service territories in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, and Wisconsin.

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, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc., Michigan Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc.

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

AT&T plans to discontinue offering DVS and SVS to new customers effective May 1, 2011, subject to Commission approval of this application. The services will continue to be provided to existing customers in accordance with the terms of their contract until their contracts expire. For customers without a contract, services will continue to be provided on a month-to-month basis and may be discontinued by AT&T after May 1, 2012 with 30 days advanced notice, subject to approval of this application.

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

DVS and SVS will be discontinued throughout the AT&T service territories in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, and Wisconsin.

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

Digital Video Service is a 45 Mbps premise to premise or premise to POP digital video service. Supertrunking Video Service is an analog service that provides one-way transport of multiple AM monochrome or color video signals. AT&T offers these services pursuant to the terms of the Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 and Southern New England Telephone Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 39.

AT&T is discontinuing these services due to lack of demand as the marketplace currently requires significantly more bandwidth, which is provided on up-to-date technology platforms. The public convenience and necessity is not harmed by AT&T's discontinuance of these services as there are competing advanced video transport services in the marketplace including AT&T's Serial Component Video service, High Definition Video Transport service and Ultravailable® Network Service.

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

AT&T notified its customers of its intention to discontinue offering these services by letters sent via U.S. Mail on February 10, 2011. A copy of the customer notifications 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 each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):**

AT&T acknowledges that this Application will be processed using the Commission's rules for dominant carriers.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director, Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

**Conclusion:**

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The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of these services since there are replacement services available from AT&T and other carriers. Therefore, AT&T respectfully requests the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of Digital Video Service (DVS) and Supertrunking Video Service (SVS).

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Inc.

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*Its Attorneys*

February 16, 2011

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 served a copy of the foregoing  
Section 63.71 Application of AT&T Inc. by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill

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ATTACHMENT A

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February 10, 2011

[Company Name]  
ATTN:  
[Mail Address]  
[Mail City, Mail State Mail Zip]

**Important Notice Regarding Discontinuance of  
Supertrunking Video Service (SVS)  
Effective 5/1/2012**

Thank you for using AT&T for your communication service needs. We want to be sure you are kept aware of upcoming changes to your Supertrunking Video Service (SVS).

The primary network components that AT&T uses to provide SVS are being retired by the network component supplier. AT&T has determined that there is no feasible solution available to meet ongoing SVS service commitments. As a result, **AT&T is notifying you that SVS will be withdrawn on May 1, 2012, and we wish to provide notice of our transition plans. This will provide time for you to review the alternative services that are available to you.**

**Effective on or about May 1, 2011, pending regulatory approval, SVS will no longer be available to new customers in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin (no current contract or service), and existing customers will not be permitted to purchase new service.**

As a current AT&T customer with SVS, you may retain your existing service(s), until the service is withdrawn, subject to the following service restrictions:

- **Effective May 1, 2011, AT&T will no longer renew service agreements for SVS.**
- **Effective May 1, 2011, Moves, Additions, and Change orders for SVS will no longer be accepted.** Beginning May 2, 2011, new requests for physical changes to SVS including installation of new service, or moves to different service addresses will not be provisioned.

Existing customers may continue to use their SVS service in accordance with the terms of their agreement for service, until such agreements expire. Following the expiration of an existing SVS term agreement, AT&T will continue to provide SVS on a month-to-month basis until the service is withdrawn. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon required notification.

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Although AT&T plans to discontinue SVS, **AT&T offers as a replacement Ultravailable Network Service (UVN)**. AT&T's Optical Ring Services are designed to meet the full breadth of performance, reliability and bandwidth your business demands. UVN is ideal for real-time applications like video.

Your business is important to us. We want to ensure that you are obtaining the most suitable services for your needs. Please contact your Account Manager or other members of your Sales Team if you have any questions. AT&T regrets any inconvenience the discontinuance of AT&T SVS service may cause and will work with you to make your transition to a new service arrangement as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

Cindie Justice  
Sr. Product Marketing Manager

**AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:**

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. 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 Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated 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 Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut. 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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February 10, 2011

[Company Name]  
ATTN:  
[Mail Address]  
[Mail City, Mail State Mail Zip]

**Important Notice Regarding Discontinuance of  
Digital Video Service  
Effective 05/01/2012**

Thank you for using AT&T for your communication service needs. We want to be sure you are kept aware of upcoming changes to your Digital Video Service.

The primary network components that AT&T uses to provide Digital Video Service are being retired by the network component supplier. AT&T has determined that there is no feasible solution available to meet ongoing Digital Video Service commitments. As a result, **AT&T is notifying you that Digital Video Service will be withdrawn on May 1, 2012, and we wish to provide notice of our transition plans. This will provide time for you to review the alternative services that are available to you.**

**Effective on or about May 1, 2011, pending regulatory approval, Digital Video Service will no longer be available to new customers in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin (no current contract or service), and existing customers will not be permitted to purchase a new service.**

As a current AT&T customer with Digital Video Service, you may retain your existing service(s), until the service is discontinued, subject to the following service restrictions:

- **Effective May 1, 2011, in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, AT&T will no longer renew service agreements for Digital Video Service.**
- **Effective May, 1 2011, the daily rate will no longer be available with Digital Video Service.**
- **Effective May 1, 2011, Moves, Additions, and Change orders for Digital Video Service will no longer be accepted.** Beginning May 2, 2011, new requests for physical changes to Digital Video Service including installation of new service, or moves to different service addresses, will not be provisioned.

In Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, existing customers may continue to use their Digital Video Service in accordance with the terms of their agreement for service, until such agreements expire. Following the expiration of an existing Digital Video Service term agreement, AT&T will continue to provide Digital Video Service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon at least 30 days notice.

In Connecticut, Digital Video Service will be provided on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon at least 30 days notice.

Although AT&T plans to discontinue Digital Video Service, **AT&T offer as a replacement Serial Component Video Service (SCVS) and High Definition Video Transport (HDVT).**

AT&T's SCVS service is a point-to-point, one-way video service for the transmission of very high quality video signals. These signals are defined as ANSI/SMPTE 259M format signals (Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers standard 259M). The bandwidth is 270 Mbps. SCVS is becoming the service of choice for broadcasters transitioning from an analog to digital transmission format for digital TV and High Definition broadcasting.

AT&T's HDVT service provides one-way transmission of a digital video signal on a point-to-point basis. HDVT is a purely digital format. The following standards are supported: SMPTE 292M (1.485 Gbps); SMPTE 310M (19.39 Mbps); SMPTE 259M; Serial Data Transport Interface (SDTI SMPTE 310M); and Digital Video Broadcasting-Asynchronous Serial Interface (DVB-ASI).

With SCVS and HDVT you will benefit from:

- Flexible, cost effective connectivity which could enable you to lower your investment.
- In-depth design and engineering services, so that your network design can fit your video application needs.
- High quality digital bandwidth for broadcast quality transmissions which can help to deliver clear images.

Your business is important to us. We want to ensure that you are obtaining the most suitable services for your needs. Please contact your Account Manager or other members of your Sales Team if you have any questions. AT&T regrets any inconvenience the discontinuance of AT&T Digital Video Service may cause and will work with you to make your transition to a new service arrangement as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Product Marketing Manager

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Please do not send inquiries or payments to the return address on this notice. If you have comments or questions, please contact AT&T Customer Service at the toll-free number on your bill.

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