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In the Matter of)
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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,)
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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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, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, (herein after "AT&T Midwest") 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 SONET Xpress service throughout their service territories in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, 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, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc.

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San Ramon, CA 94583

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

AT&T Midwest plans to discontinue offering SONET Xpress to new customers effective December 30, 2011, subject to Commission approval of this application. As described in the customer notification, the service will continue to be provided to existing customers in accordance with the terms of their contract until their contracts expire, at which time they may continue to utilize the service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued, which is currently planned for June, 2014.

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

SONET Xpress will be discontinued throughout the AT&T Midwest service territories in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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

SONET Xpress service provides flat rate DS-1, DS-3 and OC12 circuits between customer locations and AT&T Midwest wire centers. The SONET Xpress network is comprised of multiple inter-office SONET rings in 5 states (IL, IN, WI, MI and OH).

AT&T Midwest is discontinuing this service due to lack of demand. The public convenience and necessity is not harmed by AT&T's discontinuance of this service as these services have been superseded in the market by AT&T's SONET Dedicated Ring Service

(DSRS), OCN or Ethernet access services, which offer more robust feature alternatives than SONET Xpress.

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

AT&T Midwest notified its customers of its intention to discontinue offering this service by letter sent via U.S. Mail on October 12, 2011. A copy of the customer notification is attached hereto.

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 Midwest is considered a dominant carrier in its provision of SONET Xpress service.

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:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of SONET Xpress since there are replacement services available from AT&T. Therefore, AT&T respectfully requests the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of SONET Xpress service.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Inc.

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October 18, 2011

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 18th day of October 2011, 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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Governor Pat Quinn
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207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Ave
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Governor Mitch Daniels
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Statehouse
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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Lansing, MI 48909

Governor Rick Synder
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Governor Scott Walker
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Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
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October 12, 2011

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**Notice Regarding AT&T SONET Xpress
Change in Service Effective December 30, 2011**

Dear Telecommunications Manager,

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. We want to make you aware of planned changes to your AT&T SONET Xpress® service.

Our records indicate active **AT&T SONET Xpress** service under [REDACTED]
The Service Addresses and Circuit IDs are below:

[REDACTED]

In light of evolving market conditions and network platform equipment nearing End of Life (EOL), AT&T has selected to discontinue offering AT&T SONET Xpress service. It will be withdrawn from offer and no longer available to new customers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin on December 30, 2011 (subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission).

Effective December 30, 2011, the following service restrictions to existing AT&T SONET Xpress service will also apply:

- Existing customers may not purchase additional AT&T SONET Xpress Service arrangements; however, they may continue to purchase Network Access Connections (NAC) or Off Network Access Connections (ONAC) which connect to existing channelized DS3, OC-3, or OC-12 Serving Area Transport (SAT) provisioned on the SONET Xpress network, subject to existing capacity availability, for the remainder of any term commitment, including any contract, term plan or other applicable arrangement (collectively, "term commitment").
- Existing service will be provided according to all applicable rates, terms and conditions for the remainder of any term commitment.
- Upon the expiration of any term commitment, service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the then-applicable month-to-month rate until service is discontinued.

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- a. No new or additional term commitments of any kind, including any otherwise available renewals, extensions or renegotiations, will be available.
- b. Upon the expiration of any term commitment no move, adds or change orders will be accepted.

Though we plan to withdraw the AT&T SONET Xpress service offering, AT&T is ready to provide alternate solutions such as AT&T Dedicated SONET Ring Service (DSRS), DS1, DS3, or OCN.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving your future business needs.

Sincerely,

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*Service provided under F.C.C. Tariff No. 2, Section 7.2.12 and ILL. C.C. Tariff No. 21, Section 7 and IN Tariff No. 20, Part 21 and provided by Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company 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, "AT&T").

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 section 63.71 Application of Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company 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 Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (or reduction or impairment), upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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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