

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

In the Matter of )  
Section 63.71 Application of )  
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a )  
AT&T Southeast )  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service )

File No. 12-126  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC  
D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Services Inc. on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("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 Managed Shared Network service ("MSNS") throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

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

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast  
Four AT&T Plaza  
Dallas, TX 75202

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

AT&T plans to discontinue offering this service to new customers on or after July 15, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this Application. Also, effective July 15, 2012, existing customers will not be permitted to order new services or make changes to their existing service arrangements. AT&T currently plans to discontinue existing service arrangements on or before April 1, 2014.

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

MSNS will be discontinued in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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

MSNS is a special access service that requires AT&T to manage, design and route the customer's point-to-point DS-0, DS-1, and DS-3 special access transport services from AT&T wire centers to customer designated aggregation locations.

AT&T is discontinuing this service due to low market demand. The public convenience and necessity is not impaired by the discontinuance of this service because a variety of transport services are readily available in the market.

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

AT&T's MSNS customers were notified by letter sent via US Mail on May 4, 2012.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed 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 offers MSNS pursuant to dominant carrier regulation.

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 MSNS because there is very low market demand and there are alternative services available from AT&T and other providers. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.7 1 Application to discontinue this service.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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May 7, 2012



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May 4, 2012

Huntsville, AL 35806

**Important Notice Regarding the Change in Service & Discontinuance  
of  
BellSouth Managed Shared Network Service (MSNS)  
Change in Service Effective 7/15/2012  
Service Discontinuance Planned for 4/1/2014**

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC values your business and we would like to update you on some important changes underway for Managed Shared Network Service (MSNS) which require your coordination and action in the near future..

As a result of limited demand, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC will no longer offer MSNS to new customers effective 7/15/2012 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. No new arrangements or changes to existing arrangements for existing customers will be allowed effective 7/15/2012. MSNS will be discontinued effective 4/1/2014.

Our records indicate that you currently have the following active MSNS arrangements that will require action:

ACNA: DLT                      CIRCUIT ID- K1.HCGS.406704.                      BAN: 910N220043  
Wilmington, NC

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC recommends that you replace MSNS with BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC LightGate service, which provides similar functionality. "Records only" ASRs will be required to convert MSNS to LightGate. You can choose from two pricing options, depending on the length of time you expect to retain the service.

1. LightGate Monthly Extension rates; or
2. Transport Payment Plan A (12-36months), B (37-60 months) or C (61-96 months).

To ensure service continuity, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC recommends that you begin the transition to LightGate Service or some other alternative service arrangement by June 1, 2012.

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC regrets any inconvenience the discontinuance of the MSNS may cause and will work with you to make your transition to a new service arrangement as smooth as possible.

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. Thank you for choosing BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC.

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Sincerely,

Senior Product Marketing Manager  
AT&T Operations, Inc.

**BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC 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 BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC. 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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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do certify that I have, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill  
Lacretia Hill

Alabama Public Service Commission  
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Suite 850  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Governor Robert Bentley  
State Capitol  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Florida Public Service Commission  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Governor Rick Scott  
Office of the Governor  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Georgia Public Service Commission  
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Frankfort, KY 40602

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Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

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