

UC 12-154

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

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

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of)
)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and)
The Southern New England Telephone Company)
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

File No.

FILED/ACCEPTED

MAY 30 2012

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Southwest and The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut (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 Business Video services throughout their service territories in Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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)):

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

The Southern New England Telephone Company

300 S. Brevard Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

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

AT&T plans to discontinue offering Business Video services on August 15, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this application.

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

Business video services will be discontinued throughout the AT&T service territories in Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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

Business Video 1 (BV1) is a digital channel capable of two-way, two-point video and audio transmission. BV1 provides a video channel with two-way transmission capability for a standard 525-line/60-field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee (NTSC) color, System M video signal. This service includes one associated audio signal in the 7 kHz range. This service is visually comparable to broadcast quality video, but has less stringent technical parameters and it has some noticeable motion impairment. The bandwidth is 384 kbps.

Business Video 2 (BV2) provides the same functionality as BV1 but at a higher bandwidth of 1.544 Mbps.

BV1 and BV2 services are offered in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Business Video 3 (BV3) provides a digitized channel for one or two-way transmission of a standard 525-line/60-field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee (NTSC) color, System M video signal. This service includes two associated 15 KHz audio signals. The

bandwidths for BV3 Service are 30 Hz to 6.6 MHz and 30 Hz to 4.5MHz, respectively. BV3 is provided in Connecticut only.

AT&T is discontinuing these services due to lack of demand. 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 Broadcast Video Service (TV1).

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

AT&T has no customers that currently subscribe to these services.

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 Celia Nogales, AT&T Services, Inc., Assistant Vice-President, Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3014.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of Business Video 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 Business Video services.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Services, Inc.

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

Terri L. Hoskins
Gary L. Phillips
Peggy Garber

AT&T Services, Inc.
1120 20th Street NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20036

Its Attorneys

May 30, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have this 30th day of May, 2012 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

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Governor Jay Nixon
Office of the Governor
Room 2 16, State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Arkansas Public Service Commission
P.O Box 400
Little Rock, AR 72203-0400

Missouri Public Service Commission
Public Information Office
Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street
PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Governor Mike Beebe
Governor's Office
State Capitol Rm. 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Governor Dannel P. Malloy
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Oklahoma Corporation Commission
P.O. Box 52000
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-2000

Connecticut Department of Public Utilities
Control
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 0605 1

Governor Mary Fallin
State Capitol Building
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Governor Sam Brownback
Office of the Governor
Capitol, 300 SW 10th Ave., Ste. 241s
Topeka, Kansas 666 12- 1590

Public Utilities Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
PO Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

Kansas Corporation Commission
Commissioners, Utilities Division, Motor
Carriers, Pipeline Safety and Energy
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Governor Rick Perry
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711 -2428