

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

In the Matter of)
)
 Section 63.71 Application of)
) File No.
 Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Inc., Illinois)
 Bell Telephone Co., Michigan Bell Telephone Co.,)
 Nevada Bell Telephone Co., The Ohio Bell)
 Telephone Co., Southern New England Telephone)
 Co., Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Wisconsin)
 Bell, Inc., and Pacific Bell Telephone Co.)
)
 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 INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.,
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY, NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE CO., THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY, THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY,
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, WISCONSIN BELL, INC., AND
PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

AT&T Services Inc. on behalf of its affiliates, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, and Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California ("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 Multi-service Optical

Network service (“MON Ring”) throughout its service territory in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

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

Name and Address of Carriers (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
Wisconsin Bell, Inc.
Nevada Bell Telephone Company
Pacific Bell Telephone Company
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
One AT&T Way, Rm 5C222K
Bedminster, NJ 07921

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 December 1, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this Application. Also, effective December 1, 2012, existing customers will not be permitted to renew term payment plans or enter into new term agreements. Upon expiration of existing term agreements, AT&T will continue to provide MON Ring service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued (currently planned for September 30, 2017). Effective December 1, 2012, existing customers will not be permitted to add new service nodes to existing MON Ring service arrangements; however, existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing MON Ring service to add new circuits between existing node locations. Effective December 1, 2016, AT&T will no longer accept move, add or change orders of any type for existing MON Ring service.

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

MON Ring service will be discontinued in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

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

Multi-service Optical Network (MON) Ring Service provides high volume optical transport utilizing multiplexing technology in a dedicated ring configuration. MON Ring Service provides dedicated capacity over a single pair of fibers in two directions that increases capacity without limiting customer-required data interfaces.

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 such as AT&T 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's MON Ring customers were notified by letter sent via US Mail on October 15, 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 MON Ring service pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Dave Talbott, 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 MON Ring service 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 63.71 Application to discontinue this service.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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Its Attorneys

October 15, 2012



October 11, 2012



**Notice Regarding Multi-service Optical Network (MON Ring) Service*
Change in Service Effective 12/1/2012**

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. This notice outlines changes to Multi-service Optical Network (MON Ring) Service, including grandfathering and related changes which will be effective December 1, 2012.

Our records indicate you have active Multi-service Optical Network Ring (MON Ring) service.

Effective December 1, 2012 (and pending regulatory approval where such approval is required), Multi-service Optical Network (MON Ring) Service offered under the AT&T Interstate Access Guidebook (located at <http://cpr.att.com/pdf/is/index.html>) and the applicable state tariffs or guidebooks (located at <http://www.att.com/gen/public-affairs?pid=11695>) will no longer be available to new customers in the states of CT, IN, IL, MI, OH, WI, AR, KS, MO, OK, TX, CA, and NV.

Current AT&T customers with Multi-service Optical Network (MON Ring) Service may retain existing service arrangements subject to the following changes, unless specified to the contrary in existing service agreements:

- **Effective December 1, 2012**, existing customers may not renew Term Payment Plans or term agreements for Multi-service Optical Network (MON Ring) Service. Following the expiration of existing term payment plans or term agreements, AT&T will provide MON Ring Service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued (currently planned for 09/30/2017). During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon required notification.
- **Effective December 1, 2012**, the addition of new MON Ring Service nodes at new locations will not be permitted, but existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing ring service to add new circuits between existing node locations. Any new circuits will be coterminous with the existing MON ring service term payment plan or term agreement.
- **Effective December 1, 2016**, no Move, Add or Change orders of any type will be accepted for Multi-service Optical Network (MON Ring) Service.

AT&T is ready to provide AT&T Ultravailable® Network Service as a replacement solution today.

If you have any questions in regards to this planned service change please contact your AT&T sales representative, or contact me at smrichards@att.com. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving your future technology needs.

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Sincerely,

Susan Richards
Senior Product Marketing Manager
AT&T Services, Inc.

* Service provided under the AT&T Interstate Access Guidebook and applicable state tariffs or guidebooks by 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, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas.

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 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 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, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas. 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, on this October 15, 2012, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following addresses on the attached sheets:

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