

WC Docket No. 13-226

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

In the Matter of )  
)  
Section 63.71 Application of )  
)  
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 Access Advantage Plus

Transport service ("AAPTS") throughout their 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

2000 W AT&T Center Drive, Room 4D55A  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

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

AT&T plans to discontinue offering this service on or after February 1, 2014, subject to Commission approval of this Application.

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

AAPTS 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)):**

Access Advantage Plus Transport Service (AAPTS) is a dedicated transport service arrangement that integrates an end user's network access connections for multiple voice, data and other special access services onto a single interstate DS1 service. AAPTS service provides

the customer with a DS1 service between an end user's designated premises and an AAPTS Transport Service Node, DS1-to-DS0 multiplexing and multiplexer cross connections.

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 available in the market such as AT&T's IP Flexible Reach 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 AAPTS customers were notified by letter sent via US Mail on January 31, 2013.

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 AAPTS service pursuant to 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 AAPTS 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,

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*Its Attorneys*

February 4, 2013

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do certify that I have, on this Fourth day of February, 2013, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

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Lacretia Hill

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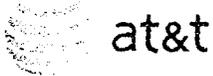
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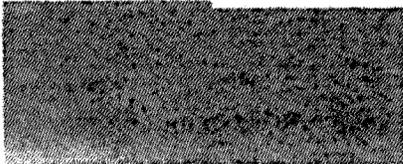
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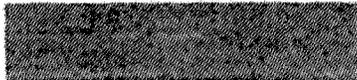


**Important Notice Regarding Discontinuance of  
SBC Access Advantage Plus Transport Service (AAPT<sup>S</sup>)  
Effective 2/1/14**

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 current T1-Integrated Access service arrangement known as SBC Access Advantage Plus Transport Service (AAPT<sup>S</sup>).

Our records indicate you currently utilize AAPT<sup>S</sup> which is provisioned over a T1 connection to the following address:

**Service Address**



**AT&T has decided to discontinue offering SBC Access Advantage Plus Transport Service (AAPT<sup>S</sup>), effective February 1, 2014 in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.**

While AT&T is withdrawing AAPT<sup>S</sup>, **we offer as a replacement AT&T IP Flexible Reach**. AT&T IP Flexible Reach, a managed Business Voice over Internet Protocol (BVoIP) service, is a SIP trunking communication solution that supports inbound and outbound calling over a dedicated AT&T transport service – including Managed Internet Service (MIS) or AT&T VPN. Call your AT&T representative for current promotional offers.

With AT&T IP Flexible Reach and underlying transport, you gain the efficiency of voice/data network convergence for your organization and assurance that your service is backed by world-class, 24x7 customer support and proactive monitoring.

in situations where traditional switched telephony is still preferred, or where AT&T IP Flexible Reach is not available, AT&T continues to offer Business Access Lines, Centrex, ISDN PRI or T1 voice access services in many areas.

To ensure service continuity, **it is recommended that you transition to AT&T IP Flexible Reach or an alternate service arrangement by February 1, 2014**. AT&T will work with customers during the transition to ensure customers do not experience an unintentional loss of service. As AAPT<sup>S</sup> service is being discontinued; no new term agreements or term extensions are available.

Your AT&T Account Executive will be in contact soon to begin discussions regarding alternate solutions that meet your business communication needs.

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AT&T regrets any inconvenience the discontinuance of SBC Access Advantage Plus Transport Service may cause and will work with you to make your transition to a new solution as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

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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 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. 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.

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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