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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF AT&T INC. ON BEHALF OF
CERTAIN OF ITS AFFILIATES TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 10-243
Comp. Pol. File No. 960**

Comments Due: January 3, 2011

Section 214 Application

Applicant: AT&T Inc. on behalf of Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Inc., 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

On November 17, 2010, AT&T Inc. (AT&T or Applicant), located at **One AT&T Plaza, Dallas, Texas 75202**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) on behalf of certain of its affiliates, **Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Inc., 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** (AT&T Affiliates), requesting authority under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue a certain domestic telecommunications service in the AT&T service territories in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin (collectively Service Areas).

AT&T indicates that the AT&T Affiliates currently offer Wideband Analog Video Service (WAVS) in the Service Areas. AT&T explains that this service is a fiber based, point-to-point, high resolution video service that is capable of transmitting a 945 line/60 field monochrome video signal within a 20 MHz bandwidth. AT&T states, however, that the manufacturer of the equipment used to provision WAVS discontinued manufacturing the equipment in 2004 due to significant advances in digital signaling processing technology. AT&T further states that the AT&T Affiliates have not had any subscribers for WAVS since January of 2010. AT&T indicates that the AT&T Affiliates plan to discontinue offering WAVS effective January 31, 2011, subject to Commission approval. AT&T asserts that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because there is no demand for the service. AT&T asserts that the AT&T Affiliates are non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued, but acknowledges that the application will be processed using the Commission's rules for dominant carriers.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, AT&T's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 60th day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies AT&T that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application, AT&T

indicates that the AT&T Affiliates plan to discontinue offering Wideband Analog Video Service effective January 31, 2011, subject to regulatory approval. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of AT&T's application, absent further Commission action, the AT&T Affiliates may cease to offer Wideband Analog Video Service in the Service Areas on **January 31, 2011**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **January 3, 2011**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 10-243 and Comp. Pol. File No. 960**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. **Effective December 28, 2009, the Commission's contractor will only receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at the FCC Headquarters building, located at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.** The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at FCC@BCPIWEB.COM. People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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