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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF BELLSOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC. D/B/A AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 14-113
Comp. Pol. File No. 1161

Comments Due: August 11, 2014

Section 214 Application
Applicant: BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service

On **July 14, 2014, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service** (AT&T LD or Applicant), located at **675 W. Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 17E21, Atlanta, GA 30308**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) 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 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee (Service Areas).[1]

AT&T LD indicates that it currently offers AT&T Long Distance Service Small Business Calling Card Service (Small Business Calling Card Service or Affected Service) in the Service Areas.[2] AT&T LD describes its Small Business Calling Card Service as a long distance travel card that allows users to place intrastate, interstate and/or international calls by dialing a company-provided toll-free access code or number. AT&T LD explains, however, that Small Business Calling Card Service usage has been declining for several years and that it does not have any current customers for the Affected Service. AT&T LD states that it plans to discontinue its Small Business Calling Card Service on or after August 25, 2014, subject to Commission authorization.[3] AT&T LD maintains that the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the proposed discontinuance because the decline in Small Business Calling Card usage has been due to the market growth of other communications methods

[1] The Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau subsequently received the filed application on July 15, 2014.

[2] In the application, AT&T LD states that it ceased actively selling the Affected Service in November of 2013. AT&T LD has since confirmed with Commission staff that the Affected Service remained available upon request even though AT&T LD ceased actively marketing the service last year.

[3] Discontinuance of international service is governed by section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

such as mobile phones, email, social media streams and voice over IP service. AT&T LD asserts that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, AT&T LD's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies AT&T LD that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, AT&T LD indicates that it plans to discontinue the Affected Service on or after August 25, 2014, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of AT&T LD's application, absent further Commission action, AT&T LD may discontinue its Small Business Calling Card Service in the Service Areas on or after **August 25, 2014**, in accordance with its representations. 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.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **August 11, 2014**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 14-113 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1161**. 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 may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/. 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 who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. 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. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters 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 and boxes 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, Express, and Priority mail must 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.

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[4] 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq*.

persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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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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