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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T) File No.
Long Distance Service)
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)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC. d/b/a
AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE**

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service ("AT&T LD"), 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 AT&T Long Distance Service Residential Travel Service Calling Card Service.

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

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service
P.O. Box 9041, South San Francisco, CA 94083

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

AT&T LD plans to discontinue this service on or after March 2, 2015, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

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

AT&T LD will discontinue this service throughout the United States and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

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

AT&T Long Distance Service Residential Travel Service Calling Card Service is 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. This calling card service allows calls to be billed to the customer's telephone bill after the call is placed; this discontinuance does not impact any of AT&T's prepaid calling cards or any prepaid minutes associated with any AT&T prepaid calling cards.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because residential calling card usage has been declining for several years. This is due to the market growth of other communication methods, including mobile phones, email, social media streams and voice over IP.

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

AT&T LD sent notice to all of its customers between December 3, 2014 and January 12, 2015 via U.S. Mail in each customer's monthly bill. (See Attachment A).

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commissions and governors of the affected states 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 LD is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

Questions about this application may be addressed to David Talbott, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since there is very low demand and various alternatives for this service. AT&T LD respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue AT&T Long Distance Service Residential Travel Service Calling Card Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

SERVICE WITHDRAWAL

Pending state and regulatory approval where applicable, on or after March 2, 2015, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service will no longer offer the Travel Service Calling Card Service originating and terminating in the United States and International points. The discontinuance of AT&T Long Distance Service Travel Service Calling Card will not impact pre-paid calling cards or pre-paid minutes. 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 Communication Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the 63.71 Application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service. 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. Our AT&T Service Representatives are ready to assist you, and can be reached at the toll-free number on your bill or V/TTY 800-651-5111. Thank you, AT&T Long Distance Service, PO Box 9041, South San Francisco, CA 94083.

DESCONTINUACIÓN DE SERVICIO

Sujeto a la aprobación estatal y reglamentaria donde corresponda, a partir del 2 de marzo de 2015, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., que opera como AT&T Long Distance Service, ya no ofrecerá el servicio de tarjeta telefónica para el servicio de viajes desde los EE. UU. a destinos internacionales. La cancelación del servicio de tarjeta telefónica para el servicio de viajes de AT&T Long Distance Service no tendrá ningún efecto sobre las tarjetas telefónicas prepagadas ni los minutos prepagados. La Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones (FCC) por lo general autorizará la cancelación de servicio propuesta (o su reducción o impedimento), salvo que se demuestre la imposibilidad de que los clientes reciban el servicio o un sustituto razonable de otra compañía telefónica, o que el interés o necesidad públicos resultarían afectados de algún otro modo. En caso de querer hacer objeciones, deberán presentarse los comentarios a más tardar 15 días después de que la Comisión emita el aviso público de la cancelación propuesta. Enviar los comentarios a Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, y hacer referencia a la solicitud 63.71 de BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. que opera como AT&T Long Distance Service. Los comentarios deberán contener información específica de los efectos de esta cancelación propuesta (o reducción o impedimento) en el cliente o su empresa, incluida toda incapacidad para adquirir un servicio de reemplazo razonable. Los representantes de servicio de AT&T están listos para ayudarte y puedes comunicarte con ellos al número sin cargo que aparece en tu factura o por teletipo al 800-651-5111. Muchas gracias. AT&T Long Distance Service, PO Box 9041, South San Francisco, CA 94083.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Lacretia Hill**, certify that I have, on January 13, 2015, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses on the attached sheets.

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