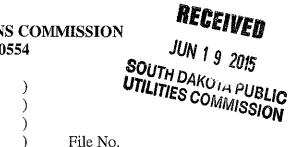
## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554



In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of

SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance

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 SBC LONG DISTANCE, LLC d/b/a AT&T LONG DISTANCE

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance ("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 AT&T Long Distance Calling Card Service for Business.

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

following information:

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

SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance 208 S. Akard St., Rm. 1470.08, Dallas TX 75202

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

AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after September 12, 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 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 Calling Card Service are long distance calling cards that allows users to place intrastate, interstate and/or international calls by dialing a company-provided tollfree 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 business 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 sent notice to its customers on June 15, 2015 via U.S. Mail. (See Attachment A).

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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 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 these services since there is very low demand and various alternatives for these services. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue AT&T Long Distance Calling Card Service for Business.

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### By:/s/ Terri L. Hoskins

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June 16, 2015

# ATTACHMENT A

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#### Urgent Notice Regarding SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Calling Card Service Service Discontinuance Effective 9/12/2015

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. This letter is to notify you of planned changes to your AT&T Long Distance Calling Card service.

AT&T Long Distance will **discontinue and withdraw from operation** Calling Card service originating and terminating in the United States and International points **on September 12, 2015,** pending regulatory approval where applicable.

For customers under a long distance term agreement for intrastate or interstate services, per the terms and conditions of your agreement this notice serves as written notice of AT&T discontinuing the calling card feature from your service arrangement, including any optional calling plan service being subscribed to.

Our records indicate that you have used this Calling Card service at least once during 2014. The Calling Card(s) used and your corresponding AT&T Account Number (BAN) are shown below (list may continue on back of letter):

Card Number

AT&T Account Number

AT&T offers a variety of mobility applications for your consideration as a replacement solution when working away from a primary work location. Please contact your Account Manager or an AT&T Service Representative at the toll-free number on your bill for assistance.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving your future business needs.

Sincerely,

Lori Dickey Senior Product Marketing Manager AT&T Services, Inc.

#### 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. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may 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 SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance. 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. AT&T Long Distance, 208 S. Akard St., Rm. 1470.08, Dallas TX 75202.

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.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lacretia Hill, certify that I have, on June 16, 2015, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of SBC Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses on the attached sheets.

> <u>/s/Lacretia Hill</u> Lacretia Hill

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