

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

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of)
) File No.
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a)
AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia)
AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana,)
AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina)
AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee (“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 BellSouth AccuPulse service throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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)):

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC

For purposes of this 214 Application the address is as follows:
One AT&T Way
Bedminster, NJ 07921

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

AT&T plans to discontinue offering this service to new customers on or after April 29, 2016, pending regulatory approval. In addition, effective April 29, 2016, AT&T will no longer renew existing service agreements and will no longer accept new move, add or change orders from existing customers. AT&T currently plans to discontinue service to existing customers upon expiration of their existing term agreements or July 30, 2017, whichever is later.

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

AT&T will no longer offer this service in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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

AT&T's AccuPulse service is a digital, switched service that provides full duplex, 56 kbps information transport via a specially equipped AccuPulse access line, and allows a maximum of 56 kbps calls. The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the discontinuance of this service because there is very little demand for this service as the market has transitioned to faster and more efficient technologies.

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

AT&T sent written notice to its customers on January 22, 2016 via First Class U.S Mail.¹ Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission

¹ See Attachment A.

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.²

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T offers AccuPulse service pursuant to dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Dave Talbott, AT&T Services, Inc., AVP - 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 this service because there is very low demand in the market for this service. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue AccuPulse service.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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January 27, 2016

² Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

ATTACHMENT A



January 22, 2016

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**Important Notice Regarding AccuPulse Service*
Service Discontinuance and Changes in service Effective April 29, 2016
Service Withdrawal Effective July 30, 2017**

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. We want to make you aware of planned changes to your AccuPulse Service, which will require coordination and action by you in the near future. Because of decreasing demand for the service triggered by the market evolving to IP-based network services, AT&T has decided to discontinue provision of the AccuPulse Service, as set forth below.

Effective April 29, 2016, (and pending regulatory approval where such approval is required)
AccuPulse Service will no longer be available to new customers in the states of AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

Current AT&T customers with AccuPulse Service may retain existing service arrangements subject to the following changes, unless specified to the contrary in existing service agreements:

- **Effective April 29, 2016, AT&T will no longer renew service agreements for AccuPulse Service.** Following the expiration of your current AccuPulse Service term agreement, AT&T will provide AccuPulse on a month-to-month basis until the service is disconnected. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon 30 day notification.
- **Effective April 29, 2016, Move, Addition and Change orders for AccuPulse Service will no longer be accepted.** After April 29, 2016 new requests for physical changes to your service including the upgrade or downgrade of access/port speed, installation of new service, or moves to different service address will not be provisioned.
- **Effective July 30, 2017, (or upon expiration of your current AccuPulse Service term agreement, whichever is later), AccuPulse Service will be withdrawn from operation,** and existing customers' service will be scheduled for disconnection.

If you have any questions in regards to this planned service change please contact your AT&T sales representative, or contact me at pk2653@att.com. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving your future technology needs.

Sincerely,

Paula Karounos
Senior Product Marketing Manager
AT&T Services, Inc.
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* AccuPulse Service is provided under the applicable AT&T F.C.C. tariff (located at <http://cpr.att.com/pdf/fcc/1006.pdf>) and the applicable state General Exchange Guidebooks (located at <http://cpr.att.com/guidebook/index.html>) by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC. d/b/a/ AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee.

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. 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 section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Lacretia Hill** certify that I have, on January 27, 2016, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Communications, LLC by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses below:

/s/Lacretia Hill
Lacretia Hill

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Department of Defense Chief Information
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