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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Dear Mrs. Bayo:

AT&T is in the process of discontinuing certain services from its interstate tariffs and will be filing the appropriate documents at the FCC today. FCC rules require that AT&T provide notice of these actions to state Public Service Commissions. Accordingly, pursuant to 47 CFR § 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, this is to notify the Florida Public Service Commission that AT&T is applying to discontinue AT&T Sent Paid - Coin Service from "dumb" coin telephones that require network signaling to handle coin-related functions. Attached is a copy of AT&T's Section 214 Application for Service Discontinuance for this service.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed impairment of service 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. Should you wish to object, comments must be filed within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington DC, 20554, referencing the § 63.71 Application of AT&T Communications. Comments should include specific information about the impact of the proposed impairment of service, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marsha Rule

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Federal Communications Commission
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APPLICATION filed pursuant to Section 214 of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as Amended and Section 47 CFR 63.71 of the Commission's Rules

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communication Act of 1934, as Amended (47 U.S.C. § 214) and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules (47 CFR § 63.71), application is hereby made with respect to an impairment of AT&T Sent-Paid Coin Service, which is referenced in Sections 3.8.6, 4.1.1, 5.1, and 24.1 of AT&T Communications Tariff F.C.C. No. 27. Specifically, AT&T will withdraw AT&T Sent Paid - Coin Service from "dumb" coin telephones that require network signaling to handle coin-related functions.¹

In accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, the following information is being provided:

(1) Name and address of carrier:

AT&T Communications
55 Corporate Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

(2) Date of planned service impairment:

AT&T will be withdrawing AT&T Sent-Paid Coin service from "dumb" payphones beginning in the second quarter of 2001, as it eliminates the costly Feature Group C Modified Operator Services Signaling trunking arrangements necessary to provide the service. The entire process is expected to take at least several months. See also Item 6 below.

(3) Points or geographic areas of service affected:

All locations where AT&T Sent Paid - Coin service is offered from "dumb" coin telephones that require network signaling.

(4) Brief description of type of service affected:

AT&T Sent Paid - Coin calls from "dumb" coin telephones that require network-controlled signaling to handle coin-related functions, including real-time rating, monitoring of coin deposits and coin return functions.

¹ AT&T Sent Paid - Coin Service from "smart" payphones (i.e., pay telephones that do not require the use of network signaling) owned by AT&T is not affected. AT&T Sent Paid - Coin Service is not provided from "smart" payphones operated by non-AT&T entities and thus coin service from such phones is not affected by this Application. Similarly, this Application will not affect customers' ability to use prepaid card services from any payphone.

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- (5) AT&T is considered non-dominant with respect to this service.
- (6) Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers:

All customers of coin service are, by definition, anonymous. Therefore, AT&T has no way to identify past or prospective users of this service, so that written notice to individual users is not possible. However, after consultation with representatives of several consumer organizations, AT&T is implementing an alternative notice mechanism. Specifically, AT&T has developed the ability to play a recording at each telephone where the coin payment withdrawal will occur. The announcement states, in substantial effect, that:

"Your call will now be completed. Please note, effective soon, this phone will no longer accept coins for AT&T long distance calls. You may wish to begin using a prepaid calling card or other payment method as a substitute."

AT&T will not withdraw this billing option at any affected coin telephone until the announcement has been available to users of that telephone for a minimum of 60 days. Moreover, because interstate and intrastate coin calls are handled using the same facilities, in states where AT&T offers both interstate and intrastate Sent Paid - Coin service, AT&T will not withdraw either offering until it has received any necessary approvals from the state regulatory authorities to withdraw the intrastate offering.

- (7) AT&T has notified, and has submitted a copy of this Application, to the public utility commission and to the Governor of each State in which the impairment of the service is proposed. In addition, AT&T has notified, and is submitting a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

Payment in the amount of \$815.00, along with FCC Form 159, was sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Tariff Filings, c/o Mellon Bank, P.O. Box 359145, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5150, for delivery this date.

Acknowledgement and date of receipt of this filing are requested. A duplicate letter of Application is attached for this purpose. Please address any inquiries concerning the filing to the attention of Mr. C. Richardson, Jr., Administrator - Rates and Tariffs, AT&T Communications, 55 Corporate Drive, Room 34B23, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.