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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SBC LONG DISTANCE, LLC TO
DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICE FOR BUSINESS
CONSUMERS IN THE STATE OF UTAH

Docket No. 08-2427-01

**APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICE**

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-350, SBC Long Distance, LLC (d/b/a AT&T Long Distance and SBC Long Distance) (“SBC LD”) files this Application to discontinue the provision of business local exchange voice service in the State of Utah specific areas of Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South, on March 13, 2008, and throughout the remainder of the state on March 31, 2008, subject to Commission approval. All affected customers have been notified of the proposed service discontinuance and have access to multiple alternative providers. If no action is taken by a customer to switch to another carrier, SBC LD will discontinue the customer’s local exchange voice service in the specific areas of Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South, Utah, on March 13, 2008, and throughout the remainder of the state on March 31, 2008, except for accommodations afforded to customers to allow

them to transition their services to another provider as described herein. SBC LD will continue to use its local exchange authority to provide tariffed business data services and also will continue to offer intrastate and interstate long distance services to Utah customers.

DISCUSSION

1. SBC LD is a competitive local exchange carrier (“CLEC”). It is authorized to provide local exchange service throughout the State of Utah. The history of SBC LD’s authorization to provide local exchange service as a competitive carrier in Utah is as follows:

- On September 22, 2004, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SBC Long Distance was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to provide local exchange services in Utah.¹
- On January 26, 2005, the Commission approved the name change of Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., to SBC Long Distance, Inc.²
- On March 4, 2005, the Commission issued its order approving the corporate reorganization and transfer of the Certificate of Authority of SBC Long Distance, Inc. to a limited liability company, SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a SBC Long Distance.³
- On December 28, 2005, SBC LD notified the Commission of its additional d/b/a “AT&T Long Distance.”

¹ *In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services Within the State of Utah*, Report and Order, Docket No. 04-2427-01 (UT PSC September 22, 2004).

² *In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Communications, Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance to be known as SBC Long Distance, Inc.*, Report and Order, Docket No. 04-2427-03 (UT PSC January 26, 2005).

³ *In the Matter of the Joint Petition of SBC Telecom, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Communications’ Services Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance for Approval of Proposed Corporate Reorganization*, Report and Order, Docket No. 04-2427-04 (UT PSC March 4, 2005).

- On June 15, 2007, SBC LD was granted approval to discontinue local exchange service to its Utah residential customers, effective June 27, 2007.⁴

2. Nationwide, SBC LD has decided to stop providing local exchange service as a CLEC. The decision was driven, in large part, by the fact that SBC LD has relatively few customers scattered over some 30 different markets across the U.S. In these markets, there is also an existing affiliate of SBC LD, which provides local exchange service.⁵

3. In order to create an orderly exit from the business local exchange voice service market, SBC LD has planned a two-stage process: (i) on or after March 13, 2008, SBC LD will cease to provide business local exchange voice service to specific areas of Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South, Utah; and (ii) on or after March 31, 2008, SBC LD will cease providing business local exchange voice service statewide. Currently, SBC LD has 16 business customers that subscribe to business local exchange voice service. On December 4, 2007, those customers in Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South were officially notified that their business local exchange voice service would be disconnected by February 15, 2008⁶ and that they needed to transfer their service to another provider. Also on December 4, 2007, the remaining business local exchange voice service customers in the state were similarly notified by SBCLD that their business local exchange voice service would be

⁴ *In the Matter of the Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC, to Discontinue the Provision of Local Exchange Service for Residential Consumers in the State of Utah*, Order Granting Application to Discontinue Service, Docket No. 07-2427-01 (UT PSC June 15, 2007).

⁵ In Utah, SBC LD's affiliate providing local service is AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc.

⁶ The customer notice letter dated December 4, 2007 to customers in Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South stated that local exchange service would be disconnected by February 15, 2008; however, SBC LD has subsequently moved out this disconnection date to March 13, 2008.

disconnected by March 31, 2008 and that they too would need to transfer their service to another provider.

4. In addition to the December 4, 2007 notices, representatives of SBC LD made additional attempts to contact the impacted customers by telephone or, if SBC LD had not heard from the customer, by a second letter on January 11, 2008 (for the customers subject to the March 13 disconnect date) notifying them again of the planned service disconnection. Customers subject to the March 31, 2008 disconnect date will be sent their second notice letter on January 29, 2008. Further, SBC LD is prepared to work with the impacted customers to avoid any disruption of service by allowing them stay in service after March 13, 2008, so that they smoothly transition their service to a new provider. If any customer remains in service after March 31, 2008, because of a delayed transition to another service provider, SBC LD will notify the Commission. Once all customers are off SBC LD's business local exchange voice service, SBC LD will amend its tariffs on file with the Commission by deleting its business local exchange voice service.

5. Only business local exchange voice telephone service is being discontinued at this time. Business local exchange data service customers are not impacted by this application. Residential and business customers subscribing only to long distance telephone service from SBC LD also will not be affected by this change.

6. By sending out customer notifications, on December 4, 2007, and again on January 11, 2008 and January 29 2008, and filing the present application, affected customers had more than sufficient time to locate another service provider and, if they

wish and are able to do so, transfer or port their local telephone numbers to the new local service provider.

7. In accordance with Utah Admin. Code R746-350-4 (a), SBC LD provides the following information:

a. The applicant's name and the names under which the applicant is providing service are SBC Long Distance, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Long Distance and SBC Long Distance, the mailing address is 1010 N. Saint Mary's Street, Suite 13L, San Antonio, TX 78215-2109, the telephone number is (210) 246-8757, and the email address is sm3745@att.com.

b. The name and contact information of the person designated to answer questions about the application are Sam G. Maropis, AT&T Long Distance Regulatory, 1010 N. Saint Mary's Street, Suite 13L, San Antonio, TX 78215-2109, (210) 246-8757, sm3745@att.com.

c. SBC LD will discontinue providing business local exchange voice service identified in its "Utah P.S.C. Price List No. 7, local exchange services" in the State of Utah on in the Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South areas on or shortly after March 13, 2008, and throughout the remainder of the state of Utah on or shortly after March 31, 2008.

d. The Intended Date of Discontinuance is March 13, 2008, for the areas of Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South, and for the remainder of the state of Utah on or shortly after March 31, 2008.

e. By signing this application, the applicant acknowledges that filing of the application does not constitute authority to discontinue any service, discontinuance shall occur as ordered by the Commission, and the applicant shall assist in the porting of any assigned telephone numbers to a Replacement Provider.

f. In support of the application, attached hereto are Attachments A through D. Attachment A is an affidavit of Denise E. Iverson, an officer of SBC LD, attesting under penalty of perjury that the contents of the application are true, accurate, and correct. Attachment B is copies of the notices that have been sent to impacted customers. Attachment C is the notice mailed to Qwest, the carrier that provides the UNE-loops to the impacted customers. Attachment D is the proposed notice to the National Number Administrator. Filing of this application and serving it on the Division constitutes the required Notice to the Division.

WHEREFORE, SBC LD requests authorization from the Commission to allow SBC LD to discontinue the provision of business local exchange voice service on or after March 13, 2008 for the areas of Bountiful, Clearfield, Cottonwood, Kearns, and Salt Lake South, and on or after March 31, 2008, for the remainder of the state. SBC LD will continue to provide business data service and intrastate and interstate long distance service to residential and business customers in accordance with its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22nd day of January, 2008.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on January 22, 2008 I emailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing **APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE** to the following:

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