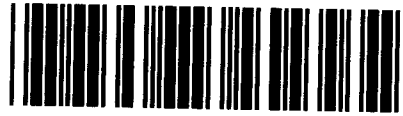


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RE: **Docket No. 39238 - Application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. to Relinquish its Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority**

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses the application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (BellSouth or Applicant) filed on March 7, 2011, to relinquish its Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority (SPCOA) No. 60172.¹ The Commission provided notice of the application to interested parties. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice. No protests, motions to intervene, or requests for hearing were filed. Applicant and Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff are the only parties to this proceeding. Commission Staff recommends approval of the application to relinquish. The application to relinquish SPCOA No. 60172 is approved.

Statutory Findings

1. BellSouth is a Delaware corporation established on March 13, 1996, and registered with the Texas Secretary of State on August 28, 1996.
2. Applicant's parent is AT&T, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

¹ Application of BellSouth BSE, Inc. for a Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority, Docket No. 18984, Order (May 7, 1998), Application of BellSouth BSE, Inc. for an Amendment to its Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority, Docket No. 20833, Order (Jul 2, 1999), and Application of BellSouth BSE, Inc. for an Amendment to its Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority, Docket No. 30082, Order (Sep. 20, 2004).

3. BellSouth was granted SPCOA No. 60172 in Docket No. 18984 on May 7, 1998, and amended on July 2, 1999, and September 20, 2004.
4. Applicant is currently certificated as a facilities-based and resale telecommunications service provider for the entire State of Texas.
5. BellSouth requested relinquishment of SPCOA No. 60172.
6. Applicant never began service in Texas and does not plan to provide telecommunications services.
7. BellSouth was not required to provide any additional or clarifying technical information regarding this application.
8. Applicant is technically compliant with the relinquishment criteria set out in P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.111.
9. Applicant filed a copy of this application with the Commission on State Emergency Communications, the Texas Comptroller's Office, the Texas Secretary of State, and the Administrator of the Texas Universal Fund.
10. Commission Staff also provided notification of BellSouth's intent to relinquish its certificate to the Commission on State Emergency Communications, the Texas Comptroller's Office, the Texas Secretary of State, and the Administrator of the Texas Universal Fund.
11. Because Applicant had no customers in Texas, no deposits were collected and no credits were issued.

Complaint History

12. BellSouth stated that it had zero customers in the past 60 months.
13. The Commission's Customer Protection Division complaint database revealed that Applicant had no registered complaints in the past 60 months.
14. Applicant had a complaint-to-customer ratio of less than six percent; therefore, no further investigation was required.

15. The Commission's Oversight & Enforcement database revealed no outstanding notices of violation against BellSouth.
16. Applicant is current on its CLEC Annual Report requirements and filed its 2010 CLEC Annual Report.
17. A check of the Texas Secretary of State information revealed that BellSouth is currently in existence.
18. A check of the Texas Comptroller's Office revealed Applicant in good standing not for dissolution of withdrawal through May 16, 2011.

Ordering Paragraphs

1. The application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. to relinquish its facilities-based and resale telecommunications SPCOA No. 60172 is approved² pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.111. SPCOA No. 60172 is relinquished effective April 13, 2011.
2. Applicant shall cease all operations and cancel any tariff or interconnection agreement that is associated with SPCOA No. 60172. Applicant shall notify the Commission on State Emergency Communications that its certificate has been relinquished.
3. All other motions, requests for entry of specific findings of fact and conclusions of law, and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted herein, are hereby denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 13th day of April 2011.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



ANDREW KANG
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

² Administrative approval of this uncontested application has no precedential value in a future proceeding.