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**DA 02-209**  
**January 25, 2002**

**COMMENTS INVITED ON SOUTHWESTERN BELL COMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES-MASSACHUSETTS, INC. AND NEW YORK, INC. JOINT  
APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES**

**NSD File No. W-P-D-555**

**Comments Due: February 8, 2002**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicants: Southwestern Bell Communications Services-Massachusetts, Inc.**  
**Southwestern Bell Communications Services-New York, Inc.**

On **January 8, 2002**, **Southwestern Bell Communications Services-Massachusetts, Inc.**, located at **Westwood Executive Center, 100 Lowder Brook Drive, Westwood, MA 02090**, and **Southwestern Bell Communications Services-New York, Inc.**, located at **2875 Union Road, Suite 35U, Cheektowaga, NY 14227**. (collectively Applicants), jointly filed applications with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services.

The joint applications indicate that Applicants seek authority to discontinue providing interstate service in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island. Applicants state that all affected customers have been provided with notice of the proposed discontinuance, as required by Commission rules.<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicants that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>2</sup> Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **February 8, 2002**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-555**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. Comments should also be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Jon Minkoff.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via messenger-delivery or hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the

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<sup>2</sup> See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [cweather@fcc.gov](mailto:cweather@fcc.gov), or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), [jminkoff@fcc.gov](mailto:jminkoff@fcc.gov), of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit the Network Services Division web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ecb/nsd/documents/214.html>.

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