

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

**DETARIFF MISCELLANEOUS SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth") is revising the F.C.C. Tariff No. 1, Section 13, to remove certain subscription services from the tariff in order to align with comparable services provided in other AT&T regional companies. This filing also removes the manual PIC change charge for interexchange carriers (ICs).

**2.0 DESCRIPTION**

The existing tariff offers two subscription services to customers who subscribe to Equal Access Subscription. These services are Equal Access Transaction Service (EATS) in Section 13.3.11 and BellSouth CARE Data Gathering in Section 13.3.16. EATS provides customers a non-mechanized interface to obtain data, such as specified due dates for primary interexchange carrier (PIC) changes, carrier identification code (CIC) verification, customer service record information, verification of pending service orders that impacts PIC orders and resolution of PIC discrepancies. BellSouth CARE Data Gathering offers a means to obtain information utilized to submit PIC changes for all numbers associated with a subscriber's billing telephone number (BTN) without requiring the subscriber to obtain and provide this information.

With this filing, BellSouth is removing the above subscription services from the tariff and offering similar services under contract (i.e., AT&T CARE Agreement) as permitted in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order CC Docket 02-386, Par. 70, released February 25, 2005, on Minimum Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE) Obligations. This action is consistent with the manner in which CARE services are offered today in other AT&T regional companies. By removing the CARE services from the tariff, the same access customers in the BellSouth region will be able to purchase comparable services under the

AT&T CARE Agreement thereby providing a single consolidated process, uniformity and efficiency for AT&T's access customers.

In addition to the above, this filing is revising Section 13.3.3, BellSouth Equal Access Subscription. This section provides a Manual option for End Users and IC's to make PIC changes and also provides a Mechanized option for IC's to make PIC changes. This filing revises the regulations and rates to remove the Manual option for IC's and allow this option for End Users only. The Mechanized option will continue to be available to IC's, which is the preferred method IC's utilize to make PIC changes.

### **3.0 PRICE CAP IMPACT**

This filing has no price caps impact as the above services are not included in a price caps basket. Since the services being removed in this filing are subscription services, the 214 application process is not required.