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Application No. 157

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

This application is hereby made by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) for Special Permission to waive Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules in order to make references in BellSouth Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Special Access Bundle Service Offer, Contract Offer No. 54, to the similar contract tariffs of the following AT&T Telephone Companies: Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech) Tariff F.C.C. No. 2; Pacific Bell Telephone (PBTC) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT)) Tariff F.C.C. No. 73; and The Southern New England Telephone (SNET) Tariff F.C.C. No. 39, (collectively AT&T Telephone Companies).

With this filing BellSouth is proposing to introduce Contract Offer No. 54 – DS1 and DS3 Service Offer, a multi-regional access discount plan, for which concurrent subscription is required to the following Access Tariffs: Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech) Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Contract Offer No. 180; Pacific Bell Telephone Company (PBTC) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Contract Offer No. 141; The Southern New England Telephone (SNET) Tariff F.C.C. No. 39, Contract Offer No. 37; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Contract Offer No. 154; and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Contract Offer No. 54. This Contract Offer No. 54 permits Customers that meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section 25.54.3, and the Terms and Conditions in Section 25.54.4, to purchase Subject Services in Section 25.54.2 at the discounted rates listed in Section 25.54.5. This Contract Offer No. 54 requires eligible Customers to comply with a Minimum Annual Revenue Commitment (MARC), as described in Section 25.54.4(C). The MARC includes recurring revenues from all Contributory Services purchased from the Qualified Companies eligible under this Contract Offer and the concurrently purchased Contract Offers. This Contract Offer No. 54 is available for subscription from May XX, 2008 through June XX, 2008. This Contract Offer is not renewable.

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With this application, BellSouth requests permission to waive Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules in order to include the above mentioned tariff references in its proposed contract tariff filing. Applications to waive Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules are also being requested by Ameritech, SWBT, PBTC, and SNET in separate applications.

In accordance with Section 61.14, this application letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) in compliance with the electronic filing procedures.

Payment in the amount of \$775.00 has been electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri, in accordance with the fee program procedures. The Form 159 is being transmitted electronically via ETFS as a proprietary document. These actions have been committed on the date established as the issued (filed) date as reflected above.

All correspondence and inquiries concerning this Application should be addressed to Anisa A. Latif, Associate Director-Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th St., 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036, facsimile number (202) 457-3071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick R. Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P' and a stylized 'D'.

Attachments:

Application Letter

Illustrative Tariff Pages