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Application No. 158

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 Service Offer, Contract Offer No. 55, to the similar contract tariffs of the following AT&T Telephone Companies: Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech) Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) Tariff F.C.C. No. 73 (collectively AT&T Telephone Companies).

With this filing, BellSouth is proposing to introduce Contract Offer No. 55 – Special Access 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. 181; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Contract Offer No. 155; and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Contract Offer No. 55. The Customer must meet the Eligibility Criteria set forth in Section 25.58.3 and must comply with all Terms and Conditions of this Contract Offer. Contract Offer No. 55 requires that the Customer meet DS1 and DS3 Volume Commitments for each year of the Term Period, as described in 25.58.5. If the Customer does not meet the Volume Commitments, the Customer will be subject to Shortfall Charges, as set forth in Section 25.58.6, and/or Termination Liability Charges, as set forth in Section 25.58.10. This Contract Offer No. 55 is available for subscription from May XX, 2008 through June XX, 2008. This 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 and SWBT 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 prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Attachments:

Application Letter  
Illustrative Tariff Pages