

# **BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

## **DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

### **TRANSMITTAL NO. 1146**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., (hereinafter “BellSouth”), is revising Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Sections 6 and 23, to restructure BellSouth Wavelength SWA Dedicated Ring Service components, to grandfather BellSouth Wavelength SWA Channel Service Dedicated System components and to remove references to certain broadband transmission services that were inadvertently omitted in Transmittal No. 1121, Broadband Forbearance filing, as required by the Commission upon use of the forbearance relief pursuant to FCC Memorandum Opinion and Order No. 07-180 (the “*Order*”), released October 12, 2007.

This Transmittal is being filed on July 31, 2008, and is scheduled to become effective August 15, 2008.

#### **2.0 DESCRIPTION**

##### **2.1 Restructure BellSouth Wavelength SWA Dedicated Ring Service**

The existing tariff provides Transport Payment Plan (TPP) rates for wavelength channels in five (5) rate bands (i.e., Bands 1 - 7; 8 - 15; 16 - 23; 24 -31; 32 and over). The 5 rate bands are identical in rate element structure, and rates are the same in each rate band. With this filing, the 5 rate band TPP rate structure is being replaced with a single set of TPP rates for wavelength channels. This revised rate structure aligns with its corresponding Special Access Service (i.e., BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service in the AT&T Interstate Guidebook). Sections 29 and 23 (pricing flexibility) are being revised to reflect these revisions.

##### **2.2 Grandfather BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service Dedicated Systems**

On June 10, 2008, AT&T on behalf of BellSouth filed an application requesting authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service Dedicated Systems due to low demand for the service as the service has been replaced by more feature-rich alternatives offered at lower rates.

In accordance with Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, AT&T's application was deemed granted automatically on July 28, 2008, which is the 31st day after release date of the Public Notice. Pursuant to the authority granted in the application, this filing is being made to discontinue BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service Dedicated System.

## 2.2 Remove References to Certain Broadband Services

The *Order* granted relief for all of the optical and packet switched broadband transmission services currently offered by the AT&T Operating Companies (e.g., Frame Relay, ATM, Ethernet, Remote Network Access, SONET, Optical Network and Wave-Based services), with the exception of certain Frame Relay and ATM services operating below 200 Kbps in each direction. The *Order* does not grant forbearance with respect to traditional, TDM-based DS-1 and DS-3 transmission services, nor to any services that do not provide a transmission capability of over 200 Kbps in each direction. This filing proposes to implement the relief granted by the *Order*.

This filing includes additional items to the Broadband Forbearance Filing made in F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 on January 24, 2008, with an effective date of February 8, 2008.

## 3.0 PRICE CAPS INDICES IMPACT

Wavelength SWA Dedicated Ring Service and Wavelength SWA Channel Service Dedicated System components are used solely for shared use calculations and are not ordered by the customer, so there is no customer demand for these components. Therefore, the revisions in 2.1 and 2.2 above will not impact price cap index values or revenue data as demonstrated in the TRP.