

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
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PURPOSE

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) is proposing to provide clarification to existing regulations as they relate to the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge and the customer's exemption from this Surcharge. Customers are required to certify their FUSF Surcharge exemption status annually. New language regarding these requirements is being added to the tariff. Additionally, this filing includes making text changes throughout the tariff to all references to "Federal Universal Service Fee" and changing them to "Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge," which is more of an industry-wide term. The acronym for Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge was also corrected throughout the tariff. These revisions will help to standardize tariff language throughout all AT&T regions. These changes will have no adverse impact to existing customers.

DESCRIPTION

The Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge recovers the Telephone Company's contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms. Customers may certify exemption from FUSF Surcharges at the ACNA level, BAN level or circuit level. Certification at the ACNA level will exempt all BANs under that ACNA. Certification at the BAN level will exempt only the specified BANs. A customer must annually certify exemption from FUSF Surcharges.