

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
TRANSMITTAL NO. 1158
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INTRODUCTION

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) is revising F.C.C. Tariff No. 1, Section 23, to delete certain vintage rates for the Area Commitment Plan (ACP) that were inadvertently created in Transmittal No. 1137.

This Transmittal will become effective on October 16, 2008.

DESCRIPTION

Vintage Rates are those rates that apply to existing services provided under a term pricing plan in the event that the Telephone Company initiates a rate increase. Vintage Rates are provided to ensure that the rates provided under a term pricing plan will not be increased above the term pricing plan rate in effect at the beginning of the Customer's term pricing plan term.

In accordance with BellSouth Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Section 2.4.8(B), the number of the appropriate in-service commitment rate elements that are to be billed by the Telephone Company is determined each month. If that number of in-service commitment rate elements is equal to or greater than the ACP commitment level, the Telephone Company will credit the customer's bill. If that number of in-service commitment rate elements is less than the ACP commitment level, the Telephone Company will apply a shortfall charge. The credit will be determined based on the difference between the month-to-month billed rate and the associated ACP rate for in-service rate elements. The shortfall charge is equal to the difference between the commitment level and the in-service number multiplied by 50 percent of the ACP rate. The ACP rate that will be used is the one that is in effect on the billing date for the appropriate commitment period, i.e., the ACP rate is the rate shown in the tariff at the end of each month when the calculations are performed.

The ACP provides credits based on a commitment level and the rates in effect at the end of the month when the credits are calculated; therefore, Vintage Rates are not applicable to the ACP.