

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
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PURPOSE

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) is revising Section 2, General Regulations, to introduce new regulations to address the Customer's obligations and the Telephone Company's role when a hazardous electrical environment exists at the Customer's location.

DESCRIPTION

When the Telephone Company provides service at any Customer location that has a hazardous electrical environment (i.e., any premises that includes electrical facilities or equipment operating at voltages of 300V peak asymmetrical or greater), the Customer must obtain and have installed appropriate high-voltage protection ("HVP") equipment. The Customer shall notify the Telephone Company that such a hazardous condition exists, and must have HVP equipment installed prior to the Telephone Company provisioning the service.

The HVP equipment may be provided either by the Telephone Company or by the Customer (including the Customer's third-party vendor). The equipment must comply with Electrical and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE") Standards 487 and 1590, and must be compatible with the Telephone Company's network. The Telephone Company will provide compatible HVP equipment in its central office or other network location as required, which will be owned and maintained by the Telephone Company.

Section 2, General Regulations, provides additional information regarding the provisioning requirements of HVP equipment.

CUSTOMER IMPACT

If the Customer requests that the Telephone Company provide the HVP equipment, the Customer will be responsible for the HVP material cost and the labor cost for equipment installation. Labor rates in Section 13 will apply for installing the equipment. If the HVP equipment is provided by the Customer, the Telephone Company will install the equipment and the Customer will be responsible for the labor installation cost. Labor rates in Section 13 will apply. The Customer will also be responsible for any additional costs associated with change-out, rearrangements, inspections or maintenance of HVP equipment.