

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
TRANSMITTAL NO. 1177

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., (hereinafter "BellSouth"), is revising F.C.C. Tariff No. 1, to remove the DS3 Network Interface Unit (NIU) with Loop Back Capability from Section 13. This unit will be provisioned to customers as part of their Special Access (SPA) DS3 service at no additional charge.

This Transmittal is being filed on April 16, 2009, and is scheduled to become effective May 1, 2009.

2.0 DESCRIPTION

The DS3 NIU with Loop Back Capability is used by BellSouth to provide performance monitoring and event history information to aid in trouble isolation and maintenance of SPA DS3 services. The DS3 NIU with Loop Back Capability is provisioned at the customer premises as network channel terminating equipment (NCTE) that is part of BellSouth's network. The current tariff provides a nonrecurring charge of \$400 per DS3 NIU for initial SPA DS3 orders and \$475 per DS3 NIU for subsequent orders SPA DS3 service.

This filing proposes to remove the DS3 NIU with Loop Back Capability from Section 13 and provide the unit at no additional charge to customers as part of new SPA DS3 service installations and on existing SPA DS3 services, as required, at no additional charge.

This filing will enable the DS3 NIU with Loop Back Capability to be provisioned consistent with other AT&T regional companies (i.e., as part of SPA DS3 service at no additional charge), which provides a single, standardized circuit design for all AT&T SPA DS3 services.

3.0 PRICE CAP COMPLIANCE

The DS3 Network Interface Unit with Loop Back Capability is not included in a price cap basket.