

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION  
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**PURPOSE**

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) is proposing to introduce modifications to the letter of authorization requirements for subtending carriers ordering Telephone Company services over facilities used to provide Telephone Company services to a host carrier. Text changes are also proposed to clarify that "Customer" is a defined term.

**DESCRIPTION**

Currently, when a subtending carrier proposes to order Telephone Company services over facilities provided by the Telephone Company for a host carrier, or an agent is ordering Telephone Company services on behalf of an end user, the Telephone Company requires that a letter of authorization be furnished to the Telephone Company prior to order placement. This letter of authorization provides proof of authority from the host carrier to allow use of such facilities, or for the agent to order services on behalf of said end user.

This filing proposes changes to avoid service order delays. A Letter of authorization must be furnished to the Telephone Company if a dispute arises with respect to the authorization for the applicable services.