

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

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1.0.1 INTRODUCTION

With this filing BellSouth telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth") is revising the F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 to modify BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service terms and conditions and to make miscellaneous text changes.

1.1 BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service

Bellsouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service is a service under which the customer assigns to the Telephone Company the responsibility for facility design and engineering and routing of BellSouth SPA DS3, DS1 and DS0-level dedicated transport for special access services from serving wire centers in a LATA to the customer's Aggregation Location(s) in the same LATA. An Aggregation Location is any customer designated premises that aggregates 28 or greater equivalent DS1s.

Bellsouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service contains provisions whereby a customer, in addition to establishing an Aggregation Location, can designate another location as either an Interim Aggregation Location or an Alternate Aggregation Location.

An Interim Aggregation Location or an Alternate Aggregation Location is associated with an Aggregation Location and affords the customer the advantage of being able to optimize their networks by consolidating traffic to the Aggregation Location to achieve a more efficient serving arrangement.

With an Interim Aggregation Location, all of the Telephone Company-provided special access is to be rearranged to the customer's Aggregation Location within a two-year period. With an Alternate Aggregation, the customer may, at their discretion, convert services from the Alternate Aggregation to its associated Aggregation Location, or services may be left at the Alternate Aggregation location.

With this filing, the provisions in the tariff associated with Interim Aggregation Locations will be eliminated and existing Interim Aggregation Locations will be converted to and managed as existing Alternate Aggregation Locations. This change will give customers the advantage of being able to associate locations to an Aggregation Location for efficiency purposes without having the requirement that all traffic must be converted to the associated Aggregation Location. With the change of the Interim Aggregation Location provision to that of the Alternate Aggregation Location, the charge (USOC "NSMFC") for customers failing to convert services to an Aggregation Location during the two-year conversion period is being eliminated. Eliminating this element does not change any of the Price Cap indices since there is no demand or revenue in the base case for USOC "NSMFC".

Furthermore, the terms and conditions for BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service are being modified regarding the requirements associated with requests for the service. This change requires that at the time a customer orders BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service, the customer's service arrangement at the Aggregation Location must meet BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service criteria (e.g., the interface at an Aggregation Location must be a DS3 or higher level). If the customer's network does not meet the services' criteria, the customer will have a 180-day grace period in which to reconfigure his network service arrangement to meet those criteria. If at the end of the 180-day grace period, the customer has services that do not meet BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service criteria, those services shall be exempt from the customer's BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service arrangement and will continue at the rates associated with the services that were present at the time of the customer's BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service request.

1.1.1 Miscellaneous Text Changes

Text changes are being proposed to correct and add USOCs in Section 23 of FCC No. 1.