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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

Application is hereby made by the Bell Operating Companies: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., SBC Communications Inc., Qwest Corporation, and Verizon Communications Inc., for Special Permission to waive Sections 61.58, 61.59 and 61.74 of the Commission's Rules in order to revise material filed under Transmittal No. 25.

On August 22, 2003, in Transmittal No. 25, the Bell Operating Companies made a tariff filing in its Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, to revise certain terms and conditions to reflect the names of individual operating companies and make minor text updates to the General Regulations and Service Offering sections.

With this application, the Bell Operating Companies want to revise certain language associated with tariff regulations. In Section 2.1.4 (Number Administration) of Transmittal No. 25, the Bell Operating Companies want to remove reference to "industry guidelines" and replace with a specific reference to the Commission's rules. We request a waiver of Section 61.74 of the Commission's rules, to reference the specific rule, 47 CFR, Chapter 1, paragraph 52.109.

Further, the Bell Operating Companies want to revise the language of Section 2.1.6 (A) related to SMS/800 system downtime. The change to outages every three weeks (reflected in Transmittal No. 25) was conducted in response to requests from the Resp Orgs and has been in place for several years.

Previously, the SMS/800 system had outages for two major software releases each year, and scheduled downtime for maintenance on an "as needed" basis. The Resp Orgs requested a more definitive schedule for downtime so that they could plan their internal activities as far into the future as feasible. In response to the Resp Org's concern, maintenance and upgrade outages were schedule every three weeks throughout the year and the Resp Orgs take part in the development of a preliminary maintenance schedule each year. The Bell Operating Companies wish to add language to Section 2.1.6(A) indicating that a preliminary maintenance schedule for the following calendar year will be announced by October 31st each year.

With this application, the Bell Operating Companies request a waiver of Sections 61.58 and 61.59 of the Commission's rules to revise material that has not yet become effective and to allow those revisions to become effective on September 6, 2003, the same scheduled effective date as the material originally filed under Transmittal No. 25.

In accordance with Section 61.32(b), the original Transmittal Letter, the Federal Communications Commission Form 159, and the filing fee have been submitted via a courier service to the Treasury Department lockbox at the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, PA.

As Point of Contact for the SMS/800 Management Team, the group that administers this tariff on behalf of the Bell Operating Companies, please address all personal or facsimile service of petitions against this Transmittal, as required under Section 1.773(a)(4) of the Commissions' Rules, to Jerrald Jones at the above address, facsimile number (732) 336-3295. Any other correspondence or inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to Jerrald Jones at the same address.

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Attachments:

Tariff Pages
Description and Justification

