

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
BELLSOUTH ACCESS SERVICE CROSS CONNECTS
TRANSMITTAL NO. 778

1. INTRODUCTION

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth") is revising the Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 to make cross connects available between collocated carriers. This filing is a new service that will be included in the Transport Basket. The following new services are being added to Section 13 of Tariff F.C.C. No. 1:

- Intra-Office Collocation Cross Connect Service, which provides a cross connect rate element between two collocators in the same Central Office, and
- Physical Access Cross Connect Service, which provides a cross connect service for physical collocators in the same Central Office.

In addition, currently effective, Virtual Access Cross Connect Service is being moved from Section 20 to Section 13 to combine, into one section, all cross connect services associated with a customer's collocation arrangements.

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2. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

2.1 Intra-Office Collocation Cross Connect Service

Intra-Office Collocation Cross Connect Service, provides a cross connect element between two collocators. Intra-Office Collocation Cross Connects will be provisioned

between a collocator's virtual or physical collocation arrangement and those of another collocated telecommunications carrier within the same central office. Intra-Office Collocation Cross Connect Service provides a one to one dedicated transmission path between the two carriers collocated in a BellSouth's central office.

2.2 Physical Access Cross Connect Service

In response to customer requests, Bellsouth is introducing a physical cross connect rate element for use with a customer's Physical Expanded Interconnection arrangements, where available and as set forth in BellSouth's intrastate Access Services Tariff, Section E20 or in a customer's negotiated collocation agreement. BellSouth's Physical Access Cross Connect Service provides a one to one dedicated transmission path between the customer's Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) tariff service offerings or transport equipment located in BellSouth's central office and another telecommunications carrier's (collocator's) physical collocation arrangement.

2.3 Virtual Access Cross Connect Service

In this filing, BellSouth is also relocating and renaming BellSouth Virtual Interconnection Cross Connects from Section 20 to Virtual Access Cross Connect Service in Section 13 to provide all cross connect services in the same section. Also, minor text changes to the existing tariff regulations are being made to ensure accuracy within the Tariff relative to Cross Connect Service.