

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**TRANSFER OF SERVICE RATE REDUCTIONS AND REVISIONS**  
**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL NO. 863**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth"), with this filing, is revising its Access Services Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1, Sections 6, 7 and 23 to reduce Transfer of Service nonrecurring charges associated with Switched Access and Special Access Services. In addition, this filing adds a new nonrecurring charge to the existing Transfer of Service rate structure for Switched Access Services.

The Transfer of Service nonrecurring charges apply when the customer requests a change in ownership of BellSouth facilities in association with a merger or acquisition. Upon receiving a transfer of service request, BellSouth will change the customer of record data in its ordering, billing and network systems to reflect the new customer information. Customer of record data includes the customer's name, address, contact name and telephone number and is provided on the customer's circuits, trunks, lines, and billing account numbers.

This filing adds a new nonrecurring charge to the Transfer of Service rate structure, which will apply for changing customer of record data for the "Circuit" component of the Switched Access Service. The existing Transfer of Service rate structure provides nonrecurring charges for the 1) Billing Number, 2) Line Side Transmission Path and 3) Trunk Side Transmission Path. The addition of the "Circuit" rate element will assure that

customer of record data is updated in BellSouth's systems for all components of the customer's Switched Access Service.

This filing also reduces the Transfer of Service nonrecurring charges for both Switched and Special Access Services, which will make the transfer of service process more cost effective for the customer.

The addition of the new rate element to the Switched Access Transfer of Service rate structure, as discussed above, results in a restructure of the Trunking basket. However, during the base period year, there was no customer demand for transfer of service. Therefore, the addition of the new rate element as well as the reduction in the nonrecurring charges for Switched Access Transfer of Service will not impact the Trunking basket.

The Special Access Transfer of Service nonrecurring charge reductions in this filing result in a \$1,141 decrease in the Special Access API as shown in Appendix A, Workpaper SUM-A. Rate detail for this filing is displayed in Appendix A, Workpapers SP-1 and TR-1. Additionally, Workpaper SUM-A displays all existing and proposed price cap index values as well as revenue data for the Special Access Basket demonstrating that BellSouth remains within all allowable price cap limits with this filing.