

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
BELLSOUTH FAST PACKET ACCESS SERVICES
TRANSMITTAL NO. 870

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth") is revising the F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 to introduce specific network performance Service Level Agreements for certain Fast Packet Access Services.

Transmittal No. 870 is scheduled to become effective on December 31, 2004.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF FILING

Service Level Agreements (SLAs) being introduced for certain Fast Packet Access Services set forth the Company's service level commitments for specific aspects of its Fast Packet network's performance. Specific SLA commitments are being introduced in the Exchange Access Frame Relay Service, Managed Shared Frame Relay Service, Exchange Access ATM Service and Managed Shared ATM Service tariffs in Section 21. SLAs are being made available for customer networks with a minimum of ten Fast Packet Service ports that also subscribe to Network Visibility Service (NVS). NVS is the primary monitoring and reporting tool used for determining performance results and missed commitments. SLA credits are provided for missed commitments as set forth in these services' tariffs.

Any future SLA credits associated with the introduction of these new service level commitments will be reflected against Trunking basket revenues.