

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

ORDERING OPTIONS - TERMS AND CONDITIONS REVISIONS

TRANSMITTAL NO. 969

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth") is revising FCC No. 1, Section 5 – Ordering Options, to modify Service Date Advancement regulations for Special Access Service (SPA) orders with negotiated intervals. This Transmittal is being filed on March 31, 2006, with a scheduled effective date of April 15, 2006.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF FILING

The existing tariff provides a benchmark for advancing the service date for SPA orders with negotiated intervals (i.e., 8-business day benchmark for SPA DS0/DS1 services and 20-business day benchmark for SPA DS3 services as measured from the Application Date.) The 8 and 20-business day benchmarks represent the standard intervals for DS0/DS1 and DS3 SPA services, respectively. BellSouth has implemented process improvements and operational procedural changes to reduce the standard interval for many of its SPA services. To eliminate the need to make tariff updates to change the benchmark each time the standard interval is reduced, this filing revises the Service Date Advancement regulations in Section 5.1.1 to replace all references to the “8-business day or 20-business day” benchmark to reflect “the standard interval” as the benchmark for advancing DS0/DS1 and DS3 SPA service orders with negotiated intervals. Service intervals are provided in BellSouth’s Guide to Interconnection at www.interconnection.bellsouth.com.

This filing reflects BellSouth’s continued focus on customer satisfaction through effective network management and on-going operational improvements in an effort to reduce service intervals for its SPA services.