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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: *All Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding Reclassification Of Pay Telephone Service As Required By Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket 96-128*
Docket No. 97-00409

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are seven copies of the following tariff modifications the Authority ordered BellSouth to file during its December 19, 2000 conference:

Access Services Tariff

Section A7-Eighth Revised Page 8
Ninth Revised Page 9
Fourth Revised Page 9.1
Eighth Revised Page 10
Third Revised Page 11.1
Third Revised Page 11.2

This tariff is being filed to reduce PTAS and Smartline rates in Docket No. 97-00409. These revised tariffs reduce rates for these services in accordance with BellSouth's understanding of the transcript of the December 19, 2000 proceedings. BellSouth respectfully disagrees with the decisions made by the Authority on December 19th and has filed requests with the Authority and the Tennessee Court of Appeals to stay those decisions.

Typically, the Authority speaks through its written orders and does not require parties to act prior to issuance of written orders. In the unique circumstances of this proceeding, however, BellSouth was ordered to take action prior to issuance of a written order based upon the motions approved by the Authority on December 19th. Specifically, BellSouth was ordered to submit tariffs implementing the December 19 decisions by today, December 29, 2000. BellSouth was

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also ordered to refund amounts paid since April 15, 1997, in excess of the newly-ordered rates, including prejudgment interest at 6% annually within 60 days of December 19, 2000. Under these specific circumstances, BellSouth believes that the TRA's deliberations constituted a final decision or order pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-2-112.

The Authority-ordered reduction in rates reflected in the enclosed tariff obviously creates a corresponding amount of headroom under BellSouth's price regulation plan. At this time, BellSouth is not raising any non-basic rates. However, BellSouth reserves its right to use this headroom for future non-basic rate adjustments. As you know, the Court of Appeals recently affirmed the Authority's order allowing price regulated companies to make cumulative rate changes and rejecting the Consumer Advocate Division's argument that such rate changes must be taken in the same year in which the headroom was created. *See Consumer Advocate Division vs. Tennessee Regulatory Authority and United Telephone/Southeast, Inc.*, Docket No. M1999-01699-COA-R12-CV.

Because of the abbreviated turnaround of this filing during the last two weeks of December, supporting Price Regulation calculations are not yet available. These documents will be filed as soon as practical.

If you have any questions regarding the tariff, please call Jim Gotto at 214-3815.

Copies of the enclosed have been provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

cc: Chairman Kyle
Director Greer
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David Waddell

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 29, 2000, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, as follows:

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A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.4 Access Line Service For Customer-Provided Public Telephones (Cont'd)

A7.4.1 Definition and Requirements (Cont'd)

B. Additional Requirements

1. Completion of local and IntraLATA Toll Messages are provided by the Company.
2. The service is furnished subject to the condition that all applicable regulations in Section A2. of this Tariff will be adhered to, with the exception of A2.2.1.A. and A2.2.1.B., which restrict the use of service and prohibit payment to the customer by another for use of the service.
3. The service is provided for use by the subscriber but may be used by others when so authorized by the subscriber, provided that all such usage is subject to the provisions of this Tariff.
4. This service is not subject to concessions.
5. This service may not be suspended at a reduced rate.
6. This access line may include an optional screening feature to prevent the operator from allowing toll charges against the subscriber's line. With the exception of SmartLine® service provided in A7.8 of this Tariff, the operator also can not perform coin collecting functions.
7. With the exception of Coin Refund and Repair Referral Service (CRS) provided in A7.10 of this Tariff, the Company is not responsible for refunds of coins deposited in customer-provided public pay telephones.
8. The subscriber to this service will be responsible for any and all toll charges billed to the subscriber's account.
9. The public pay telephone instrument must have an FCC Registration Number and must be connected to the Company's network in compliance with Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.
10. (DELETED)
11. The public pay telephone service may only be connected to access line service for customer-provided public telephones as provided herein or SmartLine® service for public telephone access as provided in A7.8 of this Tariff. It must be served on a single public telephone access line directly connected to the Company's network and billed at the tariff rate.

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A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.4 Access Line Service For Customer-Provided Public Telephones (Cont'd)

A7.4.4 Reserved For Future Use

A7.4.5 Rates And Charges

- A. Access line service for customer-provided public telephones is provided on a usage rate basis. This access line service is not available without an authorization number provided by the TPSC. (C)

1. Usage Rate Service Charges (T)

	Monthly Rate	USOC	
(a) Per access line basic rate	\$13.78	NA	(C)

- | | Per Access
Minute | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|----|-----|
| (b) Local usage | \$0.0042 | NA | (C) |
2. The following Public Telephone Access Line Feature Charge is applicable (where available) in addition to the monthly charges in a. and b. preceding¹ (C)

	Monthly Rate	USOC
(a) Unrestricted, two way, each	\$-	14Q
(b) Restricted, two way, each ^{2,3}	2.00	1RQ
(c) Unrestricted, outward, each	-	11G
(d) Restricted, outward, each ^{2,3}	2.00	1KQ
(e) Restricted, two way, each ^{2,4}	4.00	12J
(f) Restricted, outward, each ^{2,3,6}	4.00	17J
(g) Restricted, two way, each ^{2,5}	3.00	12K
(h) Restricted, outward, each ^{2,3,7}	3.00	17K

Note 1: N11 Service as described in Section A39. of this tariff is not available to access line service for customer-provided public telephone subscribers.

Note 2: Provides operator screening.

Note 3: Provides central office blocking of 011+ calls direct distance dialed to numbers outside the North American Numbering Plan.

Note 4: Provides central office blocking of 7 or 10 digit local, 976, 1+DDD, all 101XXXX direct dialed calls and 1+900 calls. Provides screening information to the operator to prevent operator assisted sent-paid calls from being billed to the line. Further, third number and collect calls to Customer-Provided Public Telephones are not allowed. Provides central office blocking of 011+ and 101XXXX 011+ calls.

Note 5: Provides central office blocking of 976, 1+DDD, all 101XXXX direct dialed calls and 1+900 calls. Provides screening information to the operator to prevent operator assisted sent-paid calls from being billed to the line. Further, third number and collect calls to Customer-Provided Public Telephones are not allowed. Provides central office blocking of 011+ and 101XXXX 011+ calls.

Note 6: 1+900, 7 or 10 digit local, 1+DDD and 976 are blocked from completion.

Note 7: 1+900, 1+DDD and 976 are blocked from completion.

BELLSOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TENNESSEE
ISSUED: December 29, 2000
BY: President - Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee

GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

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A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.4 Access Line Service For Customer-Provided Public Telephones (Cont'd)

A7.4.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

A. (Cont'd)

3. The following charge will apply for reconnection due to disconnection for a violation of this Tariff or violation of the Rules of the TPSC as outlined in Chapter 1220-4-2. (T)
- | | Nonrecurring
Charge | USOC |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| (a) Reconnection Charge | \$58.50 | NA |
4. Service charges are applied on the same basis as for individual line business service covered in Section A4. of this Tariff. (T)
5. At the request of the subscriber, Touch-Tone Calling Service may be provided as covered in Section A13. of this Tariff. (T)
6. Trouble Determination Charges are applied on the same basis as for individual line business service covered in Section A4. of this Tariff. (T)
7. (DELETED) (T)(D)
8. Operator handled local calls will be billed to the end user at the rate specified in B. following plus the appropriate operator service charge specified in Section A3. of this tariff. (T)
9. Operator handled intraLATA toll calls will be billed to the end user at the rates, including the appropriate operator services charge, specified in Section A18. of this tariff. (T)

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A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.4 Access Line Service For Customer-Provided Public Telephones (Cont'd)

A7.4.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

A. (Cont'd)

- 10. Zone charges are charged on the same basis as applies to other types of individual line service. (T)
- 11. Directory listings in connection with two-way public telephone access lines are furnished under the same rates and regulations in Tariff Section A6. as other business service. Listings are not available for outward coinless public telephone access lines. (T)
- 12. Non-sent paid local calls will be rated to the end user at the rate set specified in B. following plus the appropriate operator surcharge in Section A3. of this Tariff. (T)

B. Local End User Message Charge¹

C. BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan

1. Definition and Requirements

- a. The BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan provides the PSP a discount, ranging from 0 percent to 10 percent, for a term commitment of 12 or 24 months to be applied monthly, one month in arrears, to the subscribing PSPs recurring monthly access line charge. The BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan term discounts are as follows:

	12 Month Discount	24 Month Discount
(1) 15 - 50 access lines	3.5%	5%
(2) 51 - 200 access lines	4%	6%
(3) 201 - 400 access lines	5%	7.5%
(4) 401 - 800 access lines	6%	9%
(5) 800+ access lines	7%	10%

- b. The BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan term discount will become effective when an authorized agent of the Company executes a Letter of Intent for the BellSouth[®] PSP Reward Plan but not prior to the approval of this Tariff.
- c. The BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan offers a discount on the access line rates in A.1. preceding. The discount applied will be based on the number of PSP access lines subscribed to the BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan and the term commitment agreed upon.
- d. The PSP must subscribe all its payphone lines to the Company's Access Line Service for Customer-Provided Public Telephones.
 - (1) The BellSouth[®] PSP Reward[®] Plan does not apply to the BellSouth[®] SmartLine[®] service.
 - (2) BellSouth SmartLine[®] service access lines do not apply toward the line count used to determine the discount level.
 - (3) This plan does not apply to Inmate lines.
- e. The PSP agrees to send all 0+ local and intraLATA calls (not previously incurred as of the effective date of this tariff) to the Company. These calls must:
 - (1) originate from a telephone line associated with the subscribing PSP's account,
 - (2) originate and terminate in the same LATA,
 - (3) be carried and completed by the Company via Company facilities and
 - (4) be billed by the Company.

Note 1: Pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-128, the local coin rate charged to end users is market based as of October 7, 1997.

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A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.8 SmartLine® Service for Public Telephone Access (Cont'd)

A7.8.1 General (Cont'd)

D. Features of the SmartLine® service are as follows: (Cont'd)

8. The Company's operator system will handle 0- intraLATA toll calls and 0+ local calls from SmartLine® service lines. All 101XXXX 0+ dialed intraLATA toll calls will be routed to the dialed carrier.
9. At present, sent paid interLATA, interstate and international calls originating from SmartLine® service lines, including but not limited to 1+, 101XXXX 1+, 011+ and 101XXXX 011+ access code calls, will be forwarded to AT&T for coin rating and completion. When other interexchange carriers provide sent paid service, 1+ subscription interLATA calls will be permitted. Special billing/coin sharing arrangements between the SmartLine® service subscriber and their respective carriers will be the responsibility of the SmartLine® service subscriber.
Sent paid intraLATA calls originating from SmartLine® service lines including but not limited to 1+ and 101XXXX 1+ access code calls will be sent to the subscribed IC unless the IC is unable to handle coin rating. If the IC is unable to handle coin rating, the call will be sent to the Company for coin rating and completion.
10. International Call Blocking (011+) is available through the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1.
11. All 0+ interLATA and intraLATA calls will be routed to the SmartLine® service subscriber presubscribed carrier.
12. The Company shall not be liable for shortages of coins collected and deposited at the subscriber's equipment. Except where provided elsewhere in this Tariff or by rule or regulation of the Tennessee Public Service Commission, the Company shall not be liable for end user fraud of whatever nature occurring at or in association with subscriber's equipment.

A7.8.2 Rates and Charges

A. SmartLine® service will be provided on a usage rate basis.

1. Usage Rate Service Charges

	Monthly Rate	USOC	
(a) Per access line basic rate	\$13.78	NA	(N)
(b) Local usage	Per Access Minute \$0.0042	NA	(N)
2. (DELETED)			(D)
3. (DELETED)			(D)
C. (DELETED)			(D)

A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.8 SmartLine® Service for Public Telephone Access (Cont'd)

A7.8.2 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

- B. Sent paid local calls will be rated by the SmartLine® service subscriber's set. The network will determine if the local rate has been satisfied. (T)
- C. Operator handled sent paid local calls will be rated to the end user at the rate set forth in A7.4.5.B. plus the appropriate operator surcharge in Section A3. of this Tariff. The SmartLine® service subscriber will be charged the appropriate usage rate in A7.8 preceding. (T)
- D. Non-sent paid local calls will be rated to the end user at the rate set forth in A7.8.2.B.2 plus the appropriate operator service charges specified in Section A3. of this Tariff. (T)(D)
- E. Sent Paid intraLATA long distance calls carried by the Company will be rated to the end user at the long distance rate and the appropriate operator surcharge set forth in Section A18. of this Tariff. The SmartLine® service subscriber will be charged the long distance rate set forth in Section A18. of this Tariff. (T)
- F. Non-sent paid intraLATA toll calls carried by the Company will be rated to the end user at the long distance rate and the appropriate operator service charges set forth in Section A18. of this Tariff. (T)
- G. (DELETED) (T)(D)
- H. Switched Access charges for usage as provided in Sections E3. and E6. of the Access Services Tariff apply. Charges are billable to the interexchange carrier. (T)
- I. Touch-Tone Calling Service will be provided at rates specified in A13.2 of this Tariff for business individual line service. (T)
- J. Service charges as covered in Section A4. of this Tariff for business individual line service are applicable. (T)
- K. Listings in connection with SmartLine® service are furnished under the regulations specified in Section A6. of this Tariff for Company and Customer Owned Pay Telephone Service. (T)
- L. Suspension of service, as covered in A2.3 of this Tariff, is not available unless the instrument is totally inaccessible to the general public on a temporary basis. In all cases, the decision to permit temporary suspension of service rests with the Company. (T)
- M. When service is temporarily suspended at the subscriber's request, a Service Ordering Charge and a reconnected Line Connection Charge, as specified in A4.3 of this Tariff will be charged for each telephone number restored. (T)
- N. Rates for Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service as provided in Sections A3. and A18. of this Tariff are applicable. (T)

A7.9 Reserved For Future Use

A7.10 Coin Refund and Repair Referral Service (CRS)

A7.10.1 General

- A. Coin Refund and Repair Referral Service (CRS) provides handling of refund requests and repair referrals generated by the end users of Independent Payphone Provider (IPP) public telephones. End users may request refunds for coins lost during an attempt to place local, intraLATA or interLATA calls and/or submit repair/trouble reports for the IPP public telephone to the Company's operator services.
- B. CRS is available to any IPP outside confinement facilities which also subscribes to Operator Screening. CRS will not be provided for pay telephones located in confinement facilities.

A7.10.2 Regulations

- A. All access lines subscribed to CRS must be subscribed to the same option.
- B. The IPP public telephone must include detailed instructions on how to obtain refund and repair referral assistance.