

## DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

With this filing the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) are revising F.C.C. Tariff No. 1, 800 Service Management System (SMS/800) Functions (SMS/800 Tariff) to make text revisions to regulations filed in Transmittal No. 25. The revisions are detailed below.

In Section 2.1.4, Number Administration, we are removing the reference to "industry guidelines" and replacing it with a reference to 47 CFR, Section 52.109 of the Commission's rules.

Further, in Section 2.1.6(A) related to SMS/800 system downtime, the change to outages every three weeks, reflected in Transmittal No. 25, was conducted in response to requests from the Resp Orgs and has been in place for several years. Previously, the SMS/800 system had outages for two major software releases each year, and scheduled downtime for maintenance on an "as needed" basis. The Resp Orgs requested a more definitive schedule for downtime so that they could plan their internal activities as far into the future as feasible. In response to the Resp Org's concern, maintenance and upgrade outages were schedule every three weeks throughout the year and the Resp Orgs take part in the development of a preliminary maintenance schedule each year. Language has been added to Section 2.1.6(A) indicating that a maintenance schedule for the following calendar year will be announced by October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

Pursuant to Special Permission Number 03-083, Transmittal No. 26 is scheduled to become effective on September 06, 2003