

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
BELLSOUTH FAST PACKET ACCESS SERVICES
TRANSMITTAL NO. 854

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With this filing, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth") is revising the F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 to make several miscellaneous terms and conditions changes for BellSouth Fast Packet Access Services.

Transmittal No. 854 is scheduled to become effective on November 3, 2004.

2.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Application Testing tariff in Section 21.0.1 allows a limited quantity of certain Fast Packet Access Services to be provided to a customer for the purpose of conducting an application test to determine the appropriateness of the service for the customer's specific application prior to placing a firm order. This offering was to expire December 31, 2004. With this filing, Application Testing is being made a permanent provision of the Fast Packet Access Service tariff.

With this filing, the tariff restriction is being removed that DSL Service cannot be collected via an ATM service provisioned using IMA (Inverse Multiplexing of ATM). This restriction on the use of IMA in the Exchange Access ATM Service (XAATMS) tariff in Section 21.3 and Managed Shared ATM Service (MSATMS) tariff in Section 21.5 was previously necessary due to a technical problem that has now been resolved.

Fast Packet Access Services in Sections 21 and 25 are offered under optional term payment plans regulated by the Fast Packet Services Payment Plan (FPSPP) in Section 2.4.8.(C). The FPSPP stipulates a service may be changed without penalty to another type of Fast Packet Access Service under a FPSPP agreement if several conditions are met; one of the conditions is that such a change is allowed only after the completed service period is 12 months or 25% of the length of the term period, whichever is greater. With this filing, this particular condition is being relaxed so that the completed service period must simply be 6 months.