

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
INCENTIVE PLAN FOR OPTICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
TRANSMITTAL NO. 857

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth"), with this filing, is revising Section 25 of its Access Services Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1, to introduce an Incentive Plan for Optical Transport Services, which is being filed on one-day's notice pursuant to BellSouth receiving Phase I and Phase II Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services in qualifying Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).¹ This Transmittal has a scheduled effective date of November 11, 2004.

The Incentive Plan will allow customers subscribing to LightGate[®] Service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) (optical only), SMARTRing[®] Service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring) and BellSouth Wavelength Service to earn credits upon meeting certain terms and conditions set forth in the Incentive Plan tariff. The Incentive Plan will be conducted for a six-month period and is scheduled to begin November 11, 2004, and end May 10, 2005.

¹ In the Matter of BellSouth Petition for Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services, CCB/CPD No. 00-20, Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 00-2793, released December 15, 2000, and Memorandum Opinion and Order, WCB/Pricing No. 02-24, DA 02-3228, released on November 22, 2002.

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