

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**INCENTIVE PLAN FOR**

**SPECIAL ACCESS DS3 TRANSPORT SERVICES**

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

**TRANSMITTAL NO. 858**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth"), with this filing, is revising Section 25 of its Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1, to introduce an Incentive Plan for Special Access DS3 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).<sup>1</sup> This Transmittal has a scheduled effective date of November 11, 2004.

The Incentive Plan will allow customers subscribing to LightGate<sup>®</sup> DS3 Service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) and SMARTGate<sup>®</sup> DS3 Service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Ring Network) to earn certain credits upon meeting the 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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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