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Florida Public Service Commission  
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Dear Ms. Salak:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 364.051, we are filing herewith revisions to our Access Services Tariff. Following are the affected pages:

Access Services Tariff

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The purpose of this filing is to add regulations to specify that unbundled network elements (UNEs) and combinations of UNEs may be commingled with wholesale services.

Acknowledgement, date of receipt, and authority number of this filing are requested.

Your consideration and approval will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Introduction**

This filing makes revisions to Section E2 of the Access Services Tariff to mirror regulations currently provided in BellSouth's FCC No. 1, Section 2, which specify that unbundled network elements (UNEs) and combinations of UNEs may be commingled with BellSouth's Access Services. The FCC No. 1 regulations became effective October 17, 2003.

### **Proposed Tariff**

Section E2 is being revised to mirror FCC No. 1 regulations which state that carriers who obtain UNEs or combinations of UNEs pursuant to an interconnection agreement with the Company, may connect, combine, or otherwise attach such UNEs or combinations of UNEs to Access Services purchased under this tariff except to the extent such agreement explicitly: 1) prohibits such commingling; or 2) requires the parties to complete the procedures set forth in the agreement regarding change of law prior to implementing such commingling.

This filing also mirrors other regulations in FCC No. 1, Section 2 which include:

- 1) Adding definitions for Commingling and for Unbundled Network Elements;
- 2) Adding regulations to specify that when UNEs or combinations of UNEs are commingled with Access Services, the Company will not allow credit for service interruptions;
- 3) Adding other regulations specifying when credit allowances will not apply.

## E2. GENERAL REGULATIONS<sup>4</sup>

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### E2.2 Use (Cont'd)

#### E2.2.3 Use by Others

- A. Any entity intending to resell private line services must be certificated by the Florida Public Service Commission as an Alternative Access Vendor (AAV) for intraexchange services, and as an AAV or Interexchange Carrier (IC) for interexchange services. Those entities certificated as an AAV or IC may resell private line services only by purchasing the like service from Section E7., Dedicated Access Services, of the Company's intrastate Access Service Tariff. Any entity certificated as an AAV or IC may purchase and resell a Local Exchange Company's (LEC's) private line service only between affiliated entities.
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#### E2.2.4 Commingling

- A. Except as provided in Section 51.318 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, telecommunications carriers who obtain unbundled network elements (UNEs) or combinations of UNEs pursuant to a Statement of Generally Available Terms, under Section 252 of the Act, or pursuant to an interconnection agreement with the Telephone Company, may connect, combine, or otherwise attach such UNEs or combinations of UNEs to Access services purchased under this Tariff except to the extent such agreement explicitly:
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  - (2) requires the parties to complete the procedures set forth in the agreement regarding change of law prior to implementing such commingling.
- B. The rates, terms, and conditions of this Tariff will apply to the Access Services that are commingled.
- C. UNEs or combinations of UNEs that are commingled with Access Services are not included in the shared use provisions of the Tariff.

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#### UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS (UNEs)

The term "Unbundled Network Elements" denotes the physical facilities of the network, including the associated features, functions and capabilities, that are capable of being used in the provision of a telecommunications service, made available pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

#### UNIFORM SERVICE ORDER CODE

The term "Uniform Service Order Code" denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in the Company billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

#### V AND H COORDINATES METHOD

The term "V and H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates of the two points.

#### WIRE CENTER

A "Wire Center" is a Company facility that houses Company equipment necessary for the provision of *BellSouth SWA* and non-*BellSouth SWA* telephone service to customers in a defined geographical area. The facility is identified with V&H coordinates and is assigned one or more NXX's for use in providing *BellSouth SWA* services to customers located in the specified geographical area. The Company equipment located at a Wire Center may consist of switching equipment or non-*BellSouth SWA* equipment working with a distant host switch as well as equipment used to terminate dedicated non-*BellSouth SWA* services. Wire Centers capable of terminating access facilities are designated by the Company.

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The term "Trunk Side Connection" denotes the connection of a transmission path to the trunk side of a local exchange switching system.

#### TWO-WIRE TO FOUR-WIRE CONVERSION

The term "Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion" denotes an arrangement, which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity such as a central office switch.

#### UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS (UNEs)

The term "Unbundled Network Elements" denotes the physical facilities of the network, including the associated features, functions and capabilities, that are capable of being used in the provision of a telecommunications service, made available pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. (N)

#### UNIFORM SERVICE ORDER CODE

The term "Uniform Service Order Code" denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in the Company billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges. (N)

#### V AND H COORDINATES METHOD

The term "V and H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates of the two points.

#### WIRE CENTER

A "Wire Center" is a Company facility that houses Company equipment necessary for the provision of BellSouth SWA and non-BellSouth SWA telephone service to customers in a defined geographical area. The facility is identified with V&H coordinates and is assigned one or more NXX's for use in providing BellSouth SWA services to customers located in the specified geographical area. The Company equipment located at a Wire Center may consist of switching equipment or non-BellSouth SWA equipment working with a distant host switch as well as equipment used to terminate dedicated non-BellSouth SWA services. Wire Centers capable of terminating access facilities are designated by the Company.

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