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Dear Ms. Salak:

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

General Subscriber Services Tariff  
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                                  Third Revised Page 9  
                                  Fourth Revised Page 1 (Contents)

The purpose of this filing is to delete Long Distance Message Conference Service ("Conference Service") from the BellSouth Florida GSST Tariff.

Acknowledgement, date of receipt, and authority number of this filing are requested. A duplicate letter of transmittal is attached for this purpose.

Your consideration and approval will be appreciated.

Please acknowledge receipt of this tariff by signing and returning the second copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

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Attachment(s)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this filing is to delete Long Distance Message Conference Service (“Conference Service”) from the BellSouth Florida GSST Tariff.

### **Description of Service**

Conference Service is an offering that furnishing connections between three or more land telephone numbers within the same LATA on one connection at the same time. All stations on a conference connection may be so interconnected that each may communicate with all the others, or arrangements may be made whereby one station will be the transmitting station and all others receiving station.

Conference Service is, effectively, a “handoff” from BellSouth to AT&T, which actually provided the service through contractual arrangement until 2002. Until expiration, BellSouth paid AT&T a flat monthly fee (\$9,000) to provide Conference Service, from which BellSouth would recoup fees from the customer. Since the agreement expired, AT&T retains all revenues. The process is as follows:

1. Customer calls BellSouth Operator and requests Conference Service
2. BellSouth Operator directs customer to call AT&T number
3. AT&T provides Conference Service

Conference Service is antiquated and burdensome to provide and maintain. Both BellSouth and AT&T desire to discontinue the arrangement. Customers have multiple other options, by simply calling their Long Distance provider. The transaction is immediate and direct, bypassing the “middleman”.

### **Description of Current Tariff/Proposed Tariff**

Conference Service is an active tariff located in GSST Section A18.4. Collectively, the sections in A18.4 describe the terms and conditions pertinent to the Conference Service offering in Florida. The proposed tariff will delete Conference Service from GSST.

### **Customer Impact**

Although there are some customers that have used this service over the last two years only 750 calls have been placed during 2003 –2004. BellSouth believes there are other services that the customers can use instead of this offering.

## A18. LONG DISTANCE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

### ~~A18.3 Two-Point Service (Cont'd)~~

~~A18.3.6 (DELETED)~~

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~~A18.3.7 (DELETED)~~

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### ~~A18.4 Conference Service (DELETED)~~

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#### ~~A18.4.1 General~~

- ~~A. Long distance message telecommunications conference service is that of furnishing connections between three or more land telephone numbers within the same LATA on one connection at the same time.~~
- ~~B. Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.~~

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### A18.4 ~~Conference Service (DELETED)~~ (Cont'd)

#### A18.4.1 ~~General (Cont'd)~~

- ~~C. All stations on a conference connection may be so interconnected that each may communicate with all the others, or arrangements may be made whereby one station will be the transmitting station and all others receiving stations.~~
- ~~D. One class of service only is offered whether the call is to specified persons or specified stations.~~
- ~~E. The Company, upon request, will attempt to arrange for the establishment of a conference call at a specified time.~~

#### A18.4.2 ~~Rate and Charge Application~~

- ~~A. The initial period is thirty seconds or any fraction thereof and the additional period is one-tenth minute or any fraction thereof.~~
- ~~B. Rate airline distances are determined as provided in Section A18.5.~~
- ~~C. Timing of Messages~~
  - ~~1. Timing of messages as specified in Section A18.3.I.C. preceding will apply for conference service except:~~
    - ~~a. Chargeable time begins when connection is established between all the persons or specified stations on the conference.~~
    - ~~b. Chargeable time ends on a given two-point connection of a conference call when the connection is terminated by the originating station or the called party.~~
- ~~D. Charges for conference calls may, upon request, be reversed provided the total charge will be billed against one called station and the charge is accepted at the designated station.~~
- ~~E. (DELETED)~~

#### A18.4.3 ~~Rates and Charges~~

- ~~A. The total charge for the conference connection is the sum of:~~
  - ~~1. The two-point *service usage* charges determined in accordance with A18.3.I.H.1 preceding for each connection between the originating station and a called station on the conference *based on the business rate specified for a 30-mile call.*~~
  - ~~2. The Person-to-Person Billing Surcharge specified in A18.3.I.H.2 for each connection between the originating station and a called station.~~

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