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Beth Salak, Director
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Attn: Tariff Section
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Dear Ms. Salak:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 364.051, we are filing revisions to our General Subscriber Service Tariff. Attached for filing with the Commission are the following tariff pages:

Access Services Tariff

Section E8 - First Revised Page 27
Second Revised Page 28
Second Revised Page 29

This filing increases rates BellSouth charges for Billing and Collection Services and also introduces some new rate elements.

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

Yours very truly,

Jerry D. Hendrix (slg)

Regulatory Vice President

Attachment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Increase in BellSouth Billing & Collections Rates
Access Services Tariff Section E8
(FL2005-205)**

Introduction

The purpose of this filing is to increase existing rates for BellSouth Billing & Collections Services detailed in Section E8 of the Access Services Tariff and introduce new rate elements.

Description of Tariff Modifications

Following is a summary of the rate changes proposed. Affected rate elements are located at E8.2.1 of the Access Services Tariff:

Billing & Collection Services	Current Rate (\$)	New Rate (\$)
Program Development Charge Basic, Per Hour Premium, Per Hour	97.00 105.00	215.00 235.00
Data Transmission of Rated IC Message Detail between other Exchange Company Locations Per Record Transmitted Per Record Received	.003 .003	.009 .009
Bill Processing Service Per message without Inquiry Per message with Inquiry	.021 .0666	.10 .14
Message-Billed Service	none	.82
Bulk-Billed Service	none	.82
Mixed Jurisdiction Billing	none	.82

Revenue Impact

The following rate changes increases the Non-Basic Services – Business basket by 0.08%, which is within the limits of BellSouth’s price regulation plan.

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Miami, Florida

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Legislative Format

E8. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES ⁴

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E8.2 Billing Service (Cont'd)

E8.2.1 Message Billing Service (Cont'd)

F. Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

9. (Cont'd)

b. The IC must order Marking and Maintenance of Mark.

10. The rates for Expanded Inquiry apply per message for the messages covered by the Expanded Inquiry purchase (i.e., if Expanded Inquiry is purchased for 900 Service only, the charge will apply per 900 message billed). This rate is always applied in addition to the basic Inquiry rate.

11. The rate for Message-Billed Service applies when one or more messages or message service related rate elements are billed, per bill rendered for an IC end user account. (N)

12. The rate for Bulk-Billed Service applies when a charge associated with a bulk-billed service is billed, per bill rendered for an IC end user account. (N)

13. The rate for Mixed Jurisdiction Billing applies when both interstate and intrastate IC messages are billed by the Company to the end user on the same bill for the IC. (N)

G. Rates and Charges

The rates and charges on a per unit basis are:

1. Message Processing Service

	Rate	USOC	
(a) Per message	\$.0093	BABMX	
2. Program Development Charge			
(a) Basic, per hour or fraction thereof ²²	97.00 <u>215.00</u>	PRD	(T)
(b) Premium, per hour or fraction thereof ³³	105.00 <u>235.00</u>	PRD	(T)
3. Data transmission of rated IC message details between other Exchange Company locations			
(a) Per record transmitted	.003 <u>.009</u>	DRH	(T)
(b) Per record received	.003 <u>.009</u>	DRH	(T)
4. Provision of rated IC message details			
(a) Per record processed	.0116	BBL	
(b) Per tape or data file	80.00	BBL	
5. Data transmission to an IC location of rated IC message detail			
(a) Per record transmitted ⁴³	-	DT5++	(T)
6. Bill Processing Service			
(a) Per message without inquiry	.0210 <u>.10</u>	BABBX	(T)
(b) Per message with inquiry	.0666 <u>.14</u>	BABQX	(T)
(c) Message-Billed Expanded Inquiry, per message ⁴³	-	NA	(T)

~~Note 1: Text is shown as new due to reissue of all Tariff Sections. No changes in rates or regulations were made with this filing.~~

Note 21: Applicable to work performed within the Company's normal work schedule and using the normal work force. (T)

Note 32: Applicable to work performed outside the Company's normal work schedule and/or which requires additions to the work force. (T)

Note 43: Rates and charges based on individual cases will apply. (T)

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E8. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

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E8.2 Billing Service (Cont'd)

E8.2.1 Message Billing Service (Cont'd)

G. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

6. (Cont'd)

	Rate	USOC	
(d) Message-Billed Investigation of Bill Charges, per message	\$.0032	NA	
(e) Bulk-billed message without inquiry	.0064	BABUX	
(f) Bulk-billed message with inquiry	.0096	BABYX	
(g) Bulk-Billed Investigation of Bill Charges, per message	.0008	NA	
(h) Message-Billed or Bulk-Billed Message Investigation, per account	28.00	NA	
7. End User Account Activity			
a. Special Order charge to receive end user account data			
(1) Per Special Order			
(a) Each ¹	-	EUO++	
b. End user account establishment and change, except rate element rate level changes and rate structure changes			
(1) Per end user account established or changed, per recurring or nonrecurring rate element established or changed and end user balance due changed			
(a) Each	.20	NA	
c. End user account rate element rate level change charge			
(1) Per rate element changed			
(a) Each	.20	NA	
d. End user account rate element rate structure change charge			
(1) Per rate element changed			
(a) Each ¹	-	EUM++	
8. Data transmission from an IC location of Message Billing Service detail or information			
(a) Per record received ¹	-	DT4++	
9. Message Billing Service Special Order Charge			
(a) Per Special Order ¹	-	SOA++	
10. Retention of Records under accounting orders			
(a) Per order per month ¹	-	BAQ++	
11. <u>Marketing Message</u>			(M)
(a) <u>Per message, per bill</u>	.02	NA	(M)
12. <u>Message-Billed Service</u>			(N)
(a) <u>When one or more messages or message service related rate elements are billed, per bill rendered for an IC end user account</u>	.82	NA	(N)
13. <u>Bulk-Billed Service</u>			(N)
(a) <u>When a charge associated with a bulk-billed service is billed, per bill rendered for an IC end user account</u>	.82	NA	(N)
14. <u>Mixed Jurisdiction Billing</u>			(N)
(a) <u>When both interstate and intrastate IC messages are billed by the Company to the end user on the same bill for the IC</u>	.82	NA	(N)

Note 1: Rates and charges based on individual cases will apply.

E8. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

E8.2 Billing Service (Cont'd)

~~E8.2.1 Message Billing Service (Cont'd)~~

~~G. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)~~

~~11. Marketing Message~~

~~(a) — Per message, per bill~~

Rate	USOC
\$.02	NA

E8.2.2 Reserved For Future Use

E8.2.3 Purchase of Accounts Receivable

- A. The Company will purchase from the IC its accounts receivable that arise from bills rendered by the Company to that IC's end users as described in 1. through 3. following.

When an IC does not subscribe to Message Processing Service but does subscribe to Bill Processing Service the Company may purchase accounts receivable for an IC who provides the Company with files of rated messages as described in 5. through 6. following.

The purchase of accounts receivable will be limited to amounts due the IC when the Company provides Bill Processing Service for that IC. After an IC orders Bill Processing Service and the Company is purchasing the IC's accounts receivable, the IC is prohibited from assigning, transferring, selling, exchanging or giving these accounts receivable to any other entity or person. The IC will provide a written assurance to the Company as to such forbearance and any such assignment, transfer, sale, exchange or gift is null and void and will subject the IC to all liabilities, expenses, costs including attorney fees expended and incurred by the Company in pursuing exclusive ownership to the accounts receivable.

The Company's purchase of an IC's accounts receivable shall be with recourse adjustments as set forth in 2. following to account for amounts due the IC that the Company is unable to collect from the end users which use the IC's services. The amounts due the IC for the purchase of its accounts receivable will be determined as follows:

1. Total Current Amount Billed

The Company for each end user bill day (i.e., the billing date on a bill for an end user of an IC's service) will determine from its records the total current amount lawfully billed to the IC's end users for IC services, including all taxes applicable to such services. A total current amount billed will be determined for each IC for each end user bill day.

2. Recourse Adjustments

For each bill day, the Company will make recourse adjustments to the total current amount billed as follows:

- a. End User Adjustments

E8. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES (T)

E8.2 Billing Service (Cont'd)

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(b) Premium, per hour or fraction thereof ²	235.00		PRD	(I)(T)
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(a) Per record transmitted	.009		DRH	(I)
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(a) Per record processed	.0116		BBL	
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5. Data transmission to an IC location of rated IC message detail				
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6. Bill Processing Service				
(a) Per message without inquiry	.10		BABBX	(I)
(b) Per message with inquiry	.14		BABQX	(I)
(c) Message-Billed Expanded Inquiry, per message ³	-		NA	(T)

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E8. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

E8.2 Billing Service (Cont'd)

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