

BELLSOUTH CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 BLANCHARD JAMES H

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1111 BAY AVENUE, SUITE 500  
 (Street)

COLUMBUS, GA 31901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BELLSOUTH CORP [BLS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/01/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed  
 (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount  | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
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| Derivative Security     |            |            | Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |   |          | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title        |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|---|---|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                         |            |            | Code                                    | V | (A)      |                           |                           |              |
| Phantom Deferral Shares | <u>(1)</u> | 02/01/2006 | <u>A</u> <sup>(2)</sup>                 |   | 764.1212 | 01/01/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/01/2019 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLANCHARD JAMES H<br>1111 BAY AVENUE, SUITE 500<br>COLUMBUS, GA 31901 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Marcy A. Bass, Attorney<br>in Fact        | 02/02/2006 |
| <u>  </u> **Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- (2) SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO BELLSOUTH CORPORATION DEFERRAL PLAN IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT UNDER RULE 16b-3(d).
- (3) PAID OUT 1/10TH PER YEAR BEGINNING ON 1/1/2010.
- (4) INCLUDES SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS ACCRUED ON PHANTOM SHARES PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED UNDER VARIOUS DEFERRAL PLANS IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT UNDER RULE 16b-3 AND DEFERRED INTO PHANTOM ACCOUNT.

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