BELLSOUTH CORP

Form 4

September 27, 2005

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BELLSOUTH CORP [BLS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

2030 WILLIAM H. DOW CENTER 09/26/2005

Other (specify Officer (give title below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MIDLAND, MI 48674

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V Expiration Title (A) (D) Date Amoun Exercisable Number Date Shares

Phantom Phantom Deferral

Deferral 09/26/2005 $A^{(2)}$ 127.2412 01/01/2010 01/01/2010 (1) Shares

Shares

127.2

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S 2030 WILLIAM H. DOW CENTER X MIDLAND, MI 48674

Signatures

Deborah F. Baker, Attorney 09/27/2005 in Fact

**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.
- SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO BELLSOUTH CORPORATION DEFERRAL PLAN IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT UNDER RULE 16b-3(d).

INCLUDES SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS ACCRUED ON (3) PHANTOM SHARES PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED UNDER VARIOUS DEFERRAL PLANS IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT UNDER RULE 16b-3 AND DEFERRED INTO PHANTOM ACCOUNT.

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