SMITH ROBIN B Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH ROBIN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

BELLSOUTH CORP [BLS]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

382 CHANNEL DRIVE

10/15/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

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

Person

PORT WASHINGTON, NY 11050

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

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	Derivative Security				Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Deferral Shares	(1)	10/15/2005	A(2)		36.1984		01/01/2007	01/01/2007	Common Stock	36.198
Phantom Deferral Shares	<u>(1)</u>	10/16/2005	A(2)		36.1984		01/01/2007	01/01/2007	Common Stock	36.198

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH ROBIN B

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PORT WASHINGTON, NY 11050

Signatures

Marcy A. Bass, Attorney in Fact 10/18/2005

**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 TRANSACTION 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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