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# FORM 4

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**SECURITIES** Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

2030 WILLIAM H. DOW CENTER

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

BELLSOUTH CORP [BLS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/01/2006

X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

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

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

below)

MIDLAND, MI 48674

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 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)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amor 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Secur Security or Exercise Code Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of

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	Derivative Security				(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and	5)				
			Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Phantom Deferral Shares	(1)	05/01/2006	A(2)		204.0241		01/01/2010	01/01/2010	Common Stock	20
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	05/01/2006	A		2,504.0507		01/01/2010	01/01/2010	Common Stock	2,5

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S 2030 WILLIAM H. DOW CENTER MIDLAND, MI 48674	X						

# **Signatures**

Marcy A. Bass, Attorney in Fact 05/03/2006

\*\*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) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- 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. ALSO INCLUDES RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS DEFERRED INTO PHANTOM ACCOUNT.

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