STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S

Form 4 January 04, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

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obligations

may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

BELLSOUTH CORP [BLS]

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

> (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006

2030 WILLIAM H. DOW CENTER

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

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)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

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)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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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 Amour 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securit 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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	Security			(Insti	r. 3, 4, and 5))				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Share
Phantom Deferral Shares	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2006	I			1,436.3613 (2)	01/01/2006	01/01/2007	Common Stock	1,43

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S
2030 WILLIAM H. DOW CENTER X

MIDLAND, MI 48674

Signatures

Marcy A. Bass, Attorney o1/04/2006

**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) DISTRIBUTION OF PHANTOM STOCK PAID OUT ON JANUARY 3, 2006.
- 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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