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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 15

CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

Commission File Number 2-21568

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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
(as successor to Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company)

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
675 West Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30375  
404-927-1909

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant's principal executive offices)

Forty Year 4-3/8% Debentures due August 1, 2003

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(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

See attached appendix

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(Titles of all other classes of  
securities for which a duty to  
file reports under section  
13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i) <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii) <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) <input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i) <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i) <input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii) <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(ii) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Rule 15d-6 ----- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification  
or notice date: zero

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 BellSouth Corporation has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: August 15, 2002 By: /s/ Linda S. Harty

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Linda S. Harty  
Vice President and Treasurer

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Instruction: This form is required by Rules 12g-4, 12h-3 and 15d-6 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The registrant shall file with the Commission three copies of Form 15, one of which shall be manually signed. It may be signed by an officer of the registrant, by counsel or by any other duly authorized person. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed under the signature.

### APPENDIX

#### Title of Each Class

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Issued by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.:

Forty Year 8 1/4% Debentures, due July 1, 2032  
Forty Year 7 1/2% Debentures, due June 15, 2033  
Fifteen Year 5 7/8% Debentures, due January 15, 2009  
Forty Year 6 3/4% Debentures, due October 15, 2033  
Forty Year 7 5/8% Debentures, due May 15, 2035  
Thirty Year 7% Debentures, due October 1, 2025  
Fifty Year 5.85% Debentures, due November 15, 2045  
One Hundred Year 7% Debentures, due December 1, 2095  
Twenty Year 6.30% Amortizing Debentures, due December 15, 2015  
Principal Amount of One Hundred Year 6.65% Zero-To-Full Debentures, due  
December 15, 2095  
Twelve Year 7% Notes, due February 1, 2005  
Ten Year 6 1/4% Notes, due May 15, 2003  
Eleven Year 6 3/8% Notes, due June 15, 2004  
Ten Year 6 1/2% Notes, due June 15, 2005  
6% Reset Put Securities, due June 15, 2012  
Thirty Year 6 3/8% Debentures, due June 1, 2028  
Extendable Liquidity Securities, due January 4, 2006