

BELLSOUTH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DYKES RONALD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1155 PEACHTREE STREET, NE,  
 SUITE 2008  
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BELLSOUTH CORP [BLS]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CFO (ret. eff. 12/31/05)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2005		F(1)	57,260 D	\$ 27.135 154,902	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2005		M	10,883 A	\$ 27.13 165,785	D	
Common Stock					190.441	I	ESOP

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Phantom Deferral Shares	(2)	12/31/2005		I	1,955.628 (3)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,955.6
Phantom Deferral Shares	(2)	12/31/2005		M	14,511.251 (3)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	14,511.2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DYKES RONALD M 1155 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2008 ATLANTA, GA 30309			CFO (ret. eff. 12/31/05)	

## Signatures

Marcy A. Bass, Attorney  
in Fact  
01/04/2006  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Represents shares withheld from vested restricted stock for the payment of federal and state taxes due on vesting.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Distribution of phantom shares from deferral plan.

Includes phantom shares acquired under the BellSouth Compensation Deferral Plan and 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.

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