BELLSOUTH CORP Form 8-K October 24, 2001

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 22, 2001

BELLSOUTH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia 1-8607 58-1533433 (State or other

jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Room 15G03, 1155 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

30309-3610

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (404) 249-2000

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 22, 2001, BellSouth announced the issuance and sale of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5% Notes due 2006, \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6% Notes due 2011 and \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 67/8% Notes due 2031. The Registrant is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K so as to file with the Commission certain items that are to be incorporated by reference into its Registration Statements (File No. 333-67084 and 333-77053).

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

Underwriting Agreement dated as of October 22, 2001 between BellSouth Corporation and Morgan Stanley & Co. and Salomon Smith Barney Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BELLSOUTH CORPORATION

By: W. Patrick Shannon
W. Patrick Shannon

Vice President Finance and Supply Chain Management October 23, 2001

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