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- 50,416,201 SHARES
6. SHARED VOTING POWER
91,292,401 SHARES
7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
144,060,906 SHARES
8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
2,963,204 SHARES
9. TOTAL BENEFICIALLY OWNED
147,024,110 SHARES
10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
- NOT APPLICABLE
11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
7.96%
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
- BK

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ITEM 1.

(A) NAME OF ISSUER
BELLSOUTH CORPORATION

(B) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

1155 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E.
ATLANTA, GA. 30309-3610

ITEM 2.

(A) NAME OF PERSON FILING (SSB or other)
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

(B) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE,
RESIDENCE
225 FRANKLIN STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(C) CITIZENSHIP
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(D) TITLE CLASS OF SECURITIES
COMMON STOCK

(E) CUSIP NUMBER
079860102

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B), OR
13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

(B) BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(A)(6) OF THE ACT

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

- (A) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED
147,024,110 SHARES
- (B) PERCENT OF CLASS
7.96 %
- (C) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:
 - (I) SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE OF
50,416,201 SHARES
 - (II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE OF
91,292,401 SHARES
 - (III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF
144,060,906 SHARES
 - (IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF
2,963,204 SHARES

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IF THE STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B):

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE SECURITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE WERE ACQUIRED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND DO NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF CHANGING OR INFLUENCING THE CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS A PARTICIPANT IN ANY

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TRANSACTION HAVING SUCH PURPOSES OR EFFECT.

THIS REPORT IS NOT AN ADMISSION THAT STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY IS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY SECURITIES COVERED BY THIS REPORT, AND STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF ALL SHARES REPORTED HEREIN PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-4.

SIGNATURE

AFTER REASONABLE INQUIRY AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

5 FEBRUARY 2004

STATE STREET CORPORATION
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
TRUSTEE

/s/ SUSAN C. DANIELS
VICE PRESIDENT