

BellSouth Interconnection Services

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To: Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) Competitive Local Exchange Carriers

(CLECs)

Subject: UNE CLECs – **REVISED –** Changes to "J" and "N" CLEC Bills (latest revision

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On October 2, 2001, BellSouth announced in Carrier Notification Letter SN91082632 that it would begin upgrading its Accounts Receivable and Billing infrastructure associated with UNE CLEC bills and usage volumes and would be phased in across the BellSouth region. A CLEC workshop was conducted on October 11, 2001, to provide further information and understanding of this upgrade. The upgrade began on December 7, 2001, and is complete for Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Louisiana. Implementation in the remaining states in the BellSouth region will take place over a period of two weekends, beginning on July 19, 2002. Attachment 1 includes the implementation schedule for the remaining five states.

Minor billing changes may be experienced by CLEC customers who are billed via the BellSouth Customer Record Information System (CRIS). Attachment 2 documents these changes.

BellSouth will continue to provide the existing outputs that are produced including:

- 1. Daily Usage Feeds
- 2. CABS Billing Output Specifications (CBOS) Standard Bills and Customer Service Records (CSR)
- 3. Billing Data Tape (BDT)

BellSouth notified its customers in Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana that due to the processing time required to complete the upgrade activities, March through May, 2002 bill receipt for UNE invoices could be delayed.

In addition, delivery of usage via the UNE daily usage feeds (DUF) during this same period (March through May, 2002) could also have been delayed due to the backlog in processing or if the account had had service order activity.

BellSouth worked to resolve these timeliness issues in Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana, **which have now been corrected**. These timeliness issues had no impact to the accuracy or completeness of invoices or DUF records.

Provisioning order activity will not be impacted in any way.

Please contact your BellSouth Local Contract Manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY

Jim Brinkley – Senior Director BellSouth Interconnection Services

Attachments

Implementation Schedule

"J" and "N" Type Bills

Implementation Dates	States
December 7, 2001 - Completed	Mississippi
January 25, 2002 - Completed	Florida
February 8, 2002 - Completed	Georgia
February 22, 2002 – Completed	Louisiana
July 19, 2002	Alabama
	South Carolina
August 2, 2002	Kentucky
	North Carolina
	Tennessee

Changes to "J" and "N" Type Bills

Effective with the upgrade of BellSouth's Accounts Receivable and Billing infrastructure, the following changes will apply to the "J" and "N" type bills for Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) CLECs that are currently billed via the BellSouth Customer Record Information System (CRIS):

- 1. Invoice Billing When producing a bill, BellSouth will now include an invoice number that will assist the customer in initiating, tracking, and monitoring payments, disputes, and adjustments. BellSouth will be populating invoice number fields that provide the ability to identify outstanding balances for prior invoices. Should a late payment charge be applicable, it will continue to be calculated based on the outstanding balance. The Late Payment Charge will be identified as Invoice #00000.
- 2. **Remittance Document –** Minor modifications will be made to the remittance document primarily to accommodate invoice billing. Additionally, the P. O. Box for mailing payments will change to:

P.O. Box 105373 Atlanta, Georgia, 30348-5373.

- 3. **Usage Adjustments –** With initial implementation, the number of messages and/or minutes of use will be used where appropriate for calculating detailed usage adjustments. However, the quantity of messages and/or minutes of use will appear as zero on the Billing Data Tape (BDT) and printed bill. Situations requiring such adjustments are minimal and BellSouth is pursuing supplemental information that can be provided for this interim period of time.
- 4. **Rounding Differences –** When calculating charges associated with a USOC with a quantity greater than one and with a discount applicable, a rounding difference may occur.