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To: All BellSouth Interconnection Services Customers

Subject: All BellSouth Interconnection Services Customers - Transport Payment Plan (TPP) Mechanized Contract Renewal, Extensions and Upgrades

This is to advise that the BellSouth Access Services Tariff FCC No. 1 offering for TPP Mechanization will become effective on December 19, 2001. Carrier Access Billing System (CABS) billing will be available for the service beginning with the effective date of the tariff. This offering affects Special Access (SPA) Dedicated Ring, Switched Access Dedicated Ring, SPA Point-to-Point, and DS1 Diverse Services. Ordering and implementation may begin once your BellSouth account team receives a signed contract or letter of intent from your company.

Channel Interfaces or circuits on a higher-level facility are no longer required to have the Variable Term Agreement (VTA) contract information coterminous or shorter than the contract term on the higher-level facility.

Customers are no longer required to submit Access Service Requests (ASRs) on existing circuit contract information for renewals, extensions, or upgrading TPP contract terms. However, customers must continue to submit ASRs when physical changes to existing circuits are required, establishing new circuits, or when there are TPP downgrades/reductions in term length. On all ASRs processed by the Interexchange Customer Service Center (ICSC), the customer must populate the VTA field per the Access Service Ordering Guide (ASOG). If the field is blank, the customer will be billed month-to-month rates. Bills will be rendered as existing CABS bills are today to the customer's designated Billing Account Number (BAN).

Following completion of negotiations between the customer and BellSouth, your BellSouth account team representative will ensure that the appropriate TPP contract term for existing circuits will be handled to your company's specifications via the new process.

Please contact your BellSouth account team representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

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