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Carrier Notification
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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject: CLECs – BellSouth to Discontinue Enhancements and Issue Final
               Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG) Application Program Interface (API)
               with the Implementation of ENCORE Release 12.0

This is to advise that in response to CLECs requests made during the October 25, 2002 TAG
User Forum, BellSouth will extend issuance of the TAG API through ENCORE Release 12.0,
tentatively scheduled for implementation on March 30, 2003. The TAG API 9.1, scheduled to be
issued with ENCORE Release 12.0, will be the final TAG API issued by BellSouth. The existing
TAG APIs will continue to be available to those customers who currently subscribe to them
(based on the schedule provided in Carrier Notification letter SN91082970 revised on
October 18, 2002), but functionality will be frozen.

Migration to TAG API 9.1 for existing TAG CLECs/Vendors will be permitted through the
implementation of ENCORE Release 13.0. CLECs/Vendors deploying TAG for the first time will
be required to deploy TAG XML beginning with ENCORE Release 12.0. As in the past,
BellSouth recommends that CLECs/Vendors implement the most current version of TAG to
experience the benefits of all TAG deployed features and defect corrections. Therefore, upon
implementation of ENCORE Release 13.0, CLECs/Vendors will only be allowed to migrate from
TAG API to TAG XML, as all new functionality and defect corrections will only be deployed to
the TAG XML Schema Specifications. TAG API to TAG API migrations will no longer be
permitted once implementation of ENCORE Release 13.0 has completed.

BellSouth recommends that all CLECs/Vendors contact their Electronic Commerce Account
Team or Software Vendor Process Team Representative as soon as possible to begin planning
migration to TAG XML. BellSouth estimates a minimum requirement of 25 business days to
complete the CLEC Electronic Interface testing associated with the migration to TAG XML.

Additionally, all CLECs/Vendors are required to attend 1 to 2 days of TAG XML training prior to
implementing or migrating to TAG XML. Only one training class per month will be offered. To
secure a seat, CLECs/Vendors should register for training as soon as possible at the following
Web site address:

http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/training/html/tag.html

Please contact your Electronic Commerce Account Team/Software Vendor Process Team
Representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

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