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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – (OSS) – **REVISED** – Update to the Implementation of a New External

Gateway Access Replacement (EGAR) Infrastructure (Latest revision posted on

November 17, 2004)

As you are aware, on November 24, 2003, BellSouth implemented a new External Gateway Access Infrastructure known as the External Gateway Access Replacement (EGAR) Project. All CLECs with Local Area Network (LAN) to LAN or dedicated Point-to-Point connections to BellSouth will be impacted by the new infrastructure. The EGAR project will not impact any other BellSouth electronic communications gateways, such as Internet gateways or the Dial Access gateway.

The EGAR initiative targeted the Birmingham Data Center as the first Data Center for CLEC migrations to the new infrastructure. All CLECs served from the Birmingham Data Center have migrated to the new EGAR platform as of December 31, 2004.

The EGAR initiative targeted the Miami Data Center as the second Data Center for CLEC migrations to the new infrastructure. All CLECs served from the Miami Data Center **that have not completed their migration** should begin the migration process as soon as possible and must complete the migration to the new EGAR platform by March 31, 2005.

The EGAR initiative targeted the Jackson Data Center as the third Data Center for CLEC migrations to the new infrastructure. All CLECs served from the Jackson Data Center **that have not completed their migration** must migrate to the new EGAR platform by July 31, 2005.

BellSouth has finalized the schedule of remaining Data Centers for migration to the new infrastructure. All CLECs served from the following Data Centers must migrate to the new EGAR platform by the specified dates:

Charlotte Data Center December 15, 2005 Atlanta - Router 1 June 30, 2006 Atlanta - Router 2 December 15, 2006

In order to have a seamless migration and transition, the BellSouth electronic commerce account team will contact CLECs that are served from the above-listed Data Centers beginning April 1, 2005. Each impacted CLEC will be required to migrate to the new infrastructure. The migration to the new Gateway will be handled on a CLEC by CLEC basis. Each migration will be coordinated through the CLEC's BellSouth electronic commerce account team. BellSouth will initiate contact with each CLEC to establish a schedule for migration.

Additional details regarding the EGAR project will be communicated through the Change Control Process (CCP) as required, the electronic commerce account team and meetings with CLECs.

Please contact your BellSouth electronic commerce account team representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

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