

BellSouth Interconnection Services

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Date: December 15, 2004

To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – (Maintenance & Repair and Provisioning) - Force Majeure Event for Florida

Operations – Self-Effecting Enforcement Mechanisms (SEEM) Payments and Service

Level Contract (SLC) Penalties for October 2004

This is to advise that due to the recent hurricanes in Florida, BellSouth posted a notice to the Performance Measurement Analysis Platform (PMAP) Web site related to the effect of the hurricanes on October 2004 SEEM and SLC Payments in Florida. As stated in that notice, and as described in BellSouth's letter filed with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) on September 21, 2004, Hurricane Ivan constituted a Force Majeure event that affected BellSouth's operations in Florida. In accordance with paragraph 4.5.4 of the Florida SEEM Administrative Plan and paragraph 17 of the SLC, BellSouth is not obligated to pay remedies when a Force Majeure event results in performance noncompliance.

Hurricane Ivan affected BellSouth's Provisioning and Maintenance and Repair (M&R) operations in the entire state of Florida as specified in the September 21, 2004 letter. Thus, BellSouth has excluded data from all wire centers in Florida for the period of October 1, 2004, through October 31, 2004, in calculating the submetrics upon which Provisioning and M&R remedies will be paid for the month of October. Remedies for submetrics in all other measurement domains were not affected by or adjusted for this Force Majeure event.

Please submit any questions you may have via the BellSouth PMAP Web site in the Feedback Option section at the following address:

http://pmap.bellsouth.com

Sincerely,

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