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**Carrier Notification
SN91085246**

Date: December 13, 2005

To: Facility-based Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: Facility-based CLECs – (Product/Service) – **REVISED** –Triennial Review Remand Order (TRRO) Unbundling Rules – Line Splitting (Originally posted on November 28, 2005)

On February 4, 2005, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Triennial Review Remand Order (TRRO), which, among other things, relieved Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILEC) of their obligation to provide unbundled access to mass market switching and Unbundled Network Element-Platform (UNE-P) services, on a nationwide basis, pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Since that time, the Public Service Commissions and Courts in BellSouth's region have ruled on the "no new adds" issue for UNE-P, and BellSouth provided notice to CLECs each time it implemented one of these rulings. Carrier Notification letter (CNL) SN91085121, last updated on November 2, 2005, summarized the notifications BellSouth provided to CLECs each time it implemented one of these rulings. Consistent with CNL SN91085121, BellSouth is no longer accepting new UNE-P orders for new customers in any state in BellSouth's region. Additionally, in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, BellSouth is not accepting new UNE-P orders for CLEC's embedded base of UNE-P end users. In Alabama, North Carolina (as clarified by Carrier Notification Letter SN91085089) and South Carolina, BellSouth is accepting new UNE-P orders for embedded base UNE-P customers in accordance with these CNLs. Therefore, where BellSouth is no longer accepting new UNE-P orders, requests for Line Splitting services on UNE-P lines governed by the Interconnection Agreement have been impacted as follows:

- CLECs may continue to convert their embedded base of UNE-P lines to Line Splitting arrangements utilizing BellSouth's unbundled switching network elements until March 10, 2006, provided that the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement contains provisions for such conversions.
- Effective March 11, 2006, no further line splitting arrangements utilizing BellSouth's unbundled switching network elements will be implemented.
- CLECs purchasing UNE-Loops (UNE-L) and providing their own switching or obtaining switching from a third party will have the ability to engage in Line Splitting in accordance with the terms of the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement.

CLECs that sign a separate agreement for switching with BellSouth ("Commercial Agreement") may retain Line Splitting arrangements that include BellSouth's switching that were in service as of the effective date of the Commercial Agreement, only to the extent permitted by and pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions set forth in the Commercial Agreement. In no event will CLECs be permitted to retain such Line Splitting arrangements after the earlier of: (1) the date the CLEC converts such Line Splitting arrangement to an alternative arrangement; (2) the date the Line Splitting arrangement is disconnected by the CLEC; or (3) **the expiration date of the Commercial Agreement**. No new Line Splitting arrangements may be added under the Commercial Agreement. The Commercial Agreement

must contain language allowing for the retention of Line Splitting as set forth above. To the extent a CLEC retained Line Splitting Arrangements on platform services purchased under the Commercial Agreement, and such Commercial Agreement does not contain language regarding Line Splitting, BellSouth will amend the Commercial Agreement upon request to include such language.

To obtain more information about this notification, please contact your BellSouth contract negotiator.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Kristen E. Shore

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