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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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**Carrier Notification  
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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) and Wireless Service Providers (WSP)

Subject: CLECs and WSPs – (Business/Operational Process) - Use of Access Customer Name Abbreviations

In accordance with Telcordia Technologies Special Report, SR-5262, Issue 1, July 2003, "Code Assignment Guidelines: Interexchange Access Customer/Exchange Carrier Codes [IAC (a/k/a ACNA) / EC Codes]" ("SR-5262"), a carrier must use only the ACNA(s) associated with its legal name when doing business with BellSouth. SR-5262 provides that an ACNA represents the company's legal name, and cannot represent more than one company name; therefore, an ACNA cannot be shared by another entity. To further explain, while a carrier may have multiple ACNAs per legal entity (i.e., due to mergers, etc.) an individual ACNA must reference only one legal entity. Application of this guideline will be on a going-forward basis as of the date of this letter. Existing situations where an ACNA references multiple legal entities in BellSouth's records will be grandfathered.

During the negotiation process for an agreement, or an amendment to an agreement, BellSouth will request Telcordia documentation from the carrier to confirm that the name of the legal entity that is party to the negotiated agreement matches the name of the legal entity assigned to the ACNA. The carrier is responsible for ensuring that it has the authority to use the ACNA that it identifies to BellSouth and that such use is in accordance with SR-5262.

In cases where a carrier changes its name or the name associated with an ACNA change, whether through a simple name change or as a result of an acquisition or a merger or otherwise, SR-5262 requires that the carrier work with Telcordia to change the name associated with the ACNA. In any situation where the name associated with an ACNA is changed, or where a carrier's ACNA is changed, the carrier must notify the BellSouth Mergers and Acquisitions team immediately to ensure that all necessary changes are made to the billing and circuit inventories and systems. The BellSouth Mergers and Acquisition Process can be found on the BellSouth Interconnection Services Web site at:

[http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/reference\\_library/processes/ma\\_process/index.html](http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/reference_library/processes/ma_process/index.html)

Please contact your BellSouth local contract manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

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