

## **BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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## Carrier Notification SN91086049

Date: March 9, 2006

To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – (Interconnection/Contractual) – Interconnection Agreements in

Louisiana that are Not Complaint with the Federal Communication Commission's

Triennial Review Remand Order

On February 22, 2006, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) voted to adopt BellSouth's contract language on Issue 8 in the Generic Change of Law Docket, U-28356 consolidated with U-28131. Issue 8 addressed Section 271 jurisdiction. As a result of the LPSC's vote, the LPSC issued Order No. U-28131 consolidated with U-28356, dated March 7, 2006, in which the LPSC ordered the following:

- The Commission asserts its primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rules 51 and 57 of the <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u> with respect to Issue 8 only.
- 2. The Commission declines to order BellSouth to include Section 271 elements in Section 252 agreements and further declines to set rates for Section 271 elements.
- 3. BellSouth's proposed contract language with respect to Issue 8 is hereby adopted.
- 4. Any CLEC that files an enforcement action with the FCC regarding Section 271 elements shall provide a copy of the filing to the Commissioners so that the Commission may intervene and advise the FCC of its recommendation, if deemed necessary.
- 5. This Order shall be effective immediately.

Regarding item number 3 above, BellSouth's proposed contract language on Issue 8 limited BellSouth's unbundling obligations to those elements that BellSouth offers to CLECs in accordance with BellSouth's obligations under Section 251(c)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. BellSouth's relevant contract language contained in BellSouth's Standard Interconnection Agreement attached to the pre-filed testimony of Pamela Tipton as Exhibit PAT-1, Section 1.1, states the following:

This Attachment sets forth the rates, terms and conditions for unbundled network elements (Network Elements) and combinations of Network Elements (Combinations) that BellSouth offers to <<customer short name>> for <<customer short name>>'s provision of Telecommunications Services in accordance with its obligations under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act. Additionally, this Attachment sets forth the rates, terms and conditions for other facilities and services BellSouth makes available to <<customer short name>> (Other Services). Additionally, the provision of a particular Network Element or Other Service may require <<customer short name>> to purchase other Network Elements or services. In the event of a conflict between this Attachment and any other section or provision of this Agreement, the provisions of this Attachment shall control.

Based on the Order of the LPSC, the LPSC will not be establishing any rates, terms or conditions for Section 271 elements. Further, elements no longer required to be unbundled pursuant to Section 251 of the Act must be removed from the Interconnection Agreements between BellSouth and the CLECs and either converted to alternative serving arrangements or disconnected. BellSouth urges you to place your service orders immediately to convert or disconnect services and elements in Louisiana that are no longer required to be provided under the Section 251 Interconnection Agreement.

Please contact your BellSouth contract negotiator with any questions.

Sincerely,

## ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PAT C. FINLEN FOR KRISTEN E. SHORE

Kristen E. Shore – Director BellSouth Interconnection Services