
BellSouth Interconnection Services

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Subject: Third Area Code In Georgia

Notice To All Interconnect Companies (including Local Exchange Carriers, Interexchange Carriers, Wireless Service Providers , Paging Providers and BellSouth Affiliates):

Atlanta, Georgia is adding a third area code to its Free Calling Area. The 678 area code will be available for assignment in early January, 1998. Per a Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) order, this area code will be implemented as an overlay code to both the 770 and 404 NPAs in Atlanta. To comply with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations for overlays, mandatory 10 digit dialing will be implemented for all local calls made in the 404 / 770 areas including calls made to the same area code beginning January 1, 1998. The Local Switching Network will not allow completion of calls that are dialed as seven (7) digits.

Each Telecommunications Provider should examine its service **Provisioning, Billing Maintenance and Repair** support systems to ensure they are compatible with the 10 digit requirement. BellSouth is undergoing an extensive effort to modify its service order process and all downstream support systems (including provisioning, billing, network, records, and repair) to comply with this requirement. With the implementation of the overlay area code, service orders and / or customer records could have multiple NPAs on them (ex. 770 and 678 existing for the same customer).

It is important to remember that calls and services terminating in our switches need to be in a 10 digit format beginning January 1, 1998. Your support systems may need to be modified to comply with this requirement

Sincerely,

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