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To: All Interexchange Carriers (IXCs), Wireless/Personal Communications Service (PCS) Carriers, Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs), and Payphone Service Providers (PSPs)

Subject: IXCs, PCS, CLECs, PSPS –**REVISED** - 704/980 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) Overlay and Ten-Digit Dialing (Last Revision dated January 11, 2001)

Effective April 1, 2000, North Carolina's New Area Code 980 will overlay the existing 704 Area Code. In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's requirements, prior to the implementation of the new 980 Overlay Area Code, 10-digit local dialing must first be in place **for all local calls placed between the 980 and 704 NPAs, and calls placed within the 980 and 704 NPAs respectively. The North Carolina Utilities Commission's September 15, 1999 Order, that initially ordered the overlay, further stipulates that all Extended Area Service (EAS) and expanded local routes between and within the area codes in the overlay area (704/980), and all EAS and expanded local routes between the 704/980 overlay and area codes outside of the overlay, shall require 10-digit dialing.** Modifications will need to be made to the network switch translations due to changes in the local dialing procedures and/or changes in the central office codes in the 704 North Carolina Area Code. Central office code holders may be required to update their data in the BellCore Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

On May 1, 2000, permissive 7-digit and 10-digit local dialing went into effect in the BellSouth region serving central offices for the entire 704 Area Code. Under the permissive dialing plan, customers in exchanges outside the 704 NPA who normally dial a 7-digit number to the 704 NPA are permitted to dial a 7-digit or 10-digit number for all calls to the 704 NPA. It is not necessary to dial "1" or "0" before the area code when making these calls.

On Friday, January 5, 2001, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) released an order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 137a to extend the permissive dialing period for the 704 Area Code until January 24, 2001, so that additional information could be obtained on what, if any, further relieve is feasible.

On January 17, 2001, the NCUC issued an order in Docket P-100, Sub 137a, and a clarifying order on January 19, 2001, extending the permissive dialing period to Thursday, March 15, 2001. Based on the Commission's order, mandatory 10-digit local dialing will become effective Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 12:01 AM in the 704 Area Code, and for basic local calls from exchanges outside the 704 NPA to the 704 NPA that can currently be dialed with a 7-digit number.

The new 980 Area Code overlay will become effective April 1, 2001. At this time, mandatory 10-digit local dialing will be in effect for all local calls placed within the new

980 NPA and local calls placed between the 980 NPA and other NPAs. The Commission stated in its January 17, 2001 order that this was “the last extension that the Commission will grant in this matter.”

It is the responsibility of each company to determine the impact within its own company/network. The Commission’s Order can be accessed over the Internet at the North Carolina Utilities Commission Web site, which is located at:

<http://www.ncuc.commerce.state.nc.us/>

Payphone Service Providers should program their payphones accordingly. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the PSP Service Center or your BellSouth account team representative. To contact the PSP Service Center, please call the applicable number listed below:

Telephone Numbers:

AL, KY, TN, LA, MS: 557-2647 (always a local call)

GA, FL, NC, SC: 780-2171 (always a local call)

Outside the BellSouth Region: (800) 786-7619

FAX Numbers:

Birmingham: (205) 321-2191

AL, KY, TN, LA, MS: 557-2191 (always a local call)

GA, FL, NC, SC: 780-2291 (always a local call)

BellSouth appreciates your company’s assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact your BellSouth account team representative.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY

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