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**Carrier Notification
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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject: CLECs – **REVISED** - BellSouth's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Infrastructure Upgrade Project (originally posted October 23, 2000 and revised December 11, 2000 and February 27, 2001).

In an earlier posting of this letter, CLECs were advised that BellSouth was engaged in a project to upgrade its EDI infrastructure. The new infrastructure was designed to facilitate requests from the Change Control Process, such as the CLEC Test Environment, and to allow improvement in the delivery of Functional Acknowledgements, Firm Order Confirmations, Notifications, Pending Order Status, etc.

The migration of CLEC EDI Users to the new infrastructure is taking place on an individual basis beginning January 15, 2001 through May 31, 2001. Although the migration is transparent, BellSouth, in a cooperative effort with each CLEC EDI User, is monitoring initial EDI transaction sets following the migration to insure normal processing. Please review the attached table for details on system freezes and changes in migration to the new infrastructure.

Effective immediately, BellSouth is suspending Phase Two of the CLEC EDI migration activities, conversion of existing users of CONNECT:Direct (C:D) for Mainframe to UNIX, due to unforeseen technical issues.

BellSouth is currently reviewing the methodology used to handle inbound and outbound data via EDI. It is BellSouth's objective to enhance delivery of data to CLEC EDI Users. Information regarding BellSouth's progress will be provided via Change Control Process and EDI User Group meetings. CLEC EDI Users impacted by this decision are limited to those currently using CONNECT:Direct.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Electronic Interchange (EDI) Infrastructure Upgrade Project	
TARGET DATE	December 1, 2000
SYSTEM FREEZES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EDI Maps have been frozen as of October 6, 2000, and will remain frozen until December 1, 2000. This may delay the implementation of features that require a new or modified field for BellSouth and/or CLEC use. As part of the migration plan, BellSouth has already accommodated features requested through Release 8.0, scheduled for production on November 18, 2000. Connectivity of new EDI Trading Partners and new Internet Protocol (IP) addresses has been frozen as of October 13, 2000, and will remain frozen until December 15, 2000. Requests received during this freeze window will be honored after December 15, 2000.
TARGET DATE	December 15, 2000 to December 29, 2000
SYSTEM FREEZES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EDI Maps were frozen as of October 6, 2000 and will remain frozen until December 29, 2000. This will not delay implementation of features that require a new or modified field for BellSouth and/or CLEC use. Connectivity of new EDI Trading Partners and new Internet Protocol (IP) addresses were frozen as of October 13, 2000, and will remain frozen until January 8, 2001. Requests received during the freeze window will be honored after January 8, 2001.
TARGET DATE	January 15, 2001
SYSTEM FREEZES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The freeze on the EDI Maps was lifted effective January 15, 2001. The freeze on connectivity of new EDI Trading Partners and new Internet Protocol (IP) addresses will be lifted effective February 19, 2001. Requests received during the freeze window will be honored beginning February 19, 2001.
TARGET DATE	June 5, 2001
DETAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase Two of the CLEC EDI migration activities, conversion of existing users of CONNECT:Direct (C:D) from Mainframe to UNIX, has been suspended due to unforeseen technical issues.