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To: All Interexchange Carriers (IXCs), Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) and Meet-Point Billed Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS)

Subject: IXCs, CLECs, CMRS - Billing Changes To Non-Common Minutes of Use

This letter is to advise your company that BellSouth will implement changes involving other CLECs and Independent Telephone Companies (ICOs) effective March 2001. These changes affect billing of jointly provided usage from a common minutes of use (MOU) environment to a non-common MOU environment.

Primarily, the Initial Billing Company (IBC) is responsible for determining the jurisdiction, factoring, etc., on all usage (i.e. interstate, intrastate and local) and providing that usage to the Subsequent Billing Company (SBC) for billing to the customers. In this instance, it is called common minutes because the bill dates and usage ranges are the same. Non-common minutes occur when each company bills from its recordings without the exchange of summary records between exchange companies. The usage ranges and bill dates are specific for each company. The Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) document, prepared by the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), establishes the guidelines for billing when multiple local exchange carriers are involved in providing service. The elimination of common minutes of use billing was approved at the OBF in November 2000 for implementation between companies effective January 1, 2001 and ending August 31, 2002.

As companies that jointly provide service with BellSouth enter into this new billing arrangement, your company will be notified no less than 30 days from the conversion date. The other Local Exchange Company should also be notifying customers of this change as required by tariffs or contracts.

Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this subject to your BellSouth account team representative.

Sincerely,

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