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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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To: Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: IXCs - Billing Option Change for Bledsoe Telephone Company in Tennessee

This letter is to advise IXCs of a new billing option being implemented in Tennessee between Bledsoe Telephone Company (EC/OCN 0554) and BellSouth.

Multiple billing occurs when one Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) owns the wire center that serves the IXC and another LEC owns the wire center that serves the end-user. In this environment, each LEC may bill the IXCs for its portion of the access service (multiple bill) or one LEC may be designated as the Initial Billing Company (IBC) and render a single bill for both companies (single bill/multiple tariff). 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 access.

Effective with switched access usage generated as of July 16, 2001, the billing option will change from a single bill/multiple tariff option, with Bledsoe billing for BellSouth, to a multiple bill arrangement. Special access services are already multiple billed. Bledsoe's last bill for both companies will be for switched access usage through July 15, 2001 and will be billed on the July 2001 bill.

Bledsoe Telephone Company will also notify its customers of this change.

All payments for bills reflecting usage beginning July 16, 2001, or any IBC bill date after July 31, 2001, should be sent to the company rendering the bill. The first bill received from BellSouth under the new option will be generated beginning mid-August through mid-September depending upon your company's billing cycle and the date that BellSouth receives the usage from Bledsoe.

Please contact your Interexchange Carrier Service Center if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY**

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