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

Subject: IXCs, MPB, CMRS, CLECs - Billing Change for Mountain Rural Telephone Company in Kentucky

This is to advise of a billing change to non-common minutes of use being implemented in Kentucky between Mountain Rural Telephone Company (EC/OCN 0414) and BellSouth. In addition, Mountain Rural will also implement a multiple bill arrangement during this conversion process.

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.

Non-common minutes occur when each company bills from its recordings without the exchange of summary records between exchange companies. Primarily, the IBC is responsible for determining the jurisdiction, factoring, etc., for all usage (i.e.) interstate, intrastate and local) and providing it to the Subsequent Billing Company (SBC) for billing to the customers. The MECAB document, prepared by the 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 starting January 1, 2001, and ending August 31, 2002.

With minutes of use generated beginning July 23, 2001, the billing change to non-common minutes will be implemented. The last bill for BellSouth and Mountain Rural for billing in a common minutes of use environment will be usage through July 22, 2001, and an IBC bill date of August 1, 2001.

Mountain Rural Telephone Company should also be notifying its customers of this change.

All payments will still be made to the company rendering the access bill.

Please contact your BellSouth account team representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

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