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To: Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: IXCs - Billing Option Change for Verizon, formally General Telephone Company, in Alabama

This is to advise IXCs of a new billing option being implemented in Alabama between Verizon (EC/OCN 4331) 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 October 1, 2001, the billing option will change from a single bill/multiple tariff option, with Verizon billing for BellSouth, to a multiple bill arrangement. Special access services are already multiple-billed. Verizon's last bill for both companies will be for switched access usage through September 30, 2001, and will be billed on your company's appropriate bill cycle with Verizon.

Verizon will also notify its customers of this change.

All payments for bills reflecting usage from October 1, 2001, or any IBC bill date after October 2001, should be sent to the company rendering the bill. The first bill received from BellSouth under the new option will be generated beginning early October to mid-November 2001, depending upon your company's billing cycle and the date that BellSouth receives the usage from Verizon.

Please contact the BellSouth Interexchange Carrier Service Center with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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