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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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**Carrier Notification  
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Date: July 26, 2001

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

Subject: IXCs, MPB, CMRS and CLECs - Billing Change for East Ascension Telephone Company in Louisiana

This is to advise of a billing change to non-common minutes of use being implemented in Louisiana between East Ascension Telephone Company (EC/OCN 0429) and BellSouth.

Non-common minutes occur when each company bills from its recordings without the exchange of summary records between exchange companies. Primarily, the Initial Billing Company (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 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 beginning January 1, 2001, and ending August 31, 2002.

With minutes of use generated beginning September 1, 2001, the billing change to non-common minutes will be implemented. The last bill for BellSouth and East Ascension Telephone Company for billing in a common minutes of use environment will be usage through August 31, 2001, and an IBC bill date of September 5, 2001.

East Ascension Telephone Company should also be notifying its customers of this change.

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

Please contact your BellSouth account team representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY GREG BECK FOR JIM BRINKLEY**

Jim Brinkley – Senior Director  
BellSouth Interconnection Services