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To: Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: IXCs - Billing Option Change for Four TDS Telecom Companies in Alabama

This is to advise IXCs of a new billing option being implemented in Alabama between four TDS Telecom companies 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 on the effective dates below, the billing option will change from a single bill/multiple tariff option, with TDS billing for BellSouth, to a multiple bill arrangement. Special access services are already multiple billed.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>OCN</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Last IBC Date</u>
Butler Telephone Company	0284	September 8, 2001	September 13, 2001
Goshen Telephone Company	0296	September 8, 2001	September 13, 2001
Grove Hill Telephone Company	0297	September 8, 2001	September 13, 2001
Oakman Telephone Company	0311	September 24, 2001	September 28, 2001

TDS Telecom will also notify its customers of this change.

All payments for bills reflecting usage from the above effective dates or IBC bill dates should be sent to the company rendering the bill. The first bill received from BellSouth under the new option will be generated beginning late September to mid-October 2001, depending upon your company's billing cycle and the date that BellSouth receives the usage from TDS.

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

Sincerely,

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