
BellSouth Interconnection Services

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To: All BellSouth Interconnection Services Customers

Subject: All Interconnection Services Customers - New Area Code 985 in New Orleans, Louisiana calling zone

Network Notification Letter [SN91082037](#) dated December 28, 2000, advised of the implementation of a 504/985 Number Plan Area Split in Louisiana. As indicated in the Notification Letter, beginning October 22, 2001 at 12:01 AM Central Time use of the new 985 area code becomes mandatory in the Houma/Thibodaux area, South Lafourche, the Northshore, and most of the River Parishes region including LaPlace, Destrehan, Norco, Paradis and Luling, Louisiana.

The New Orleans area code 504 calling zone was split into two portions. The New Orleans Basic Local Calling Area (Orleans Parish, Kenner, most of Jefferson Parish and St. Bernard Parish and a small portion of Plaquemines Parish) retained area code 504. The rest of the communities in the 504 calling zone are using the new area code 985.

Please note that qualifying Type I (paging services) and Type II (wireless service providers) were granted an extended permissive dialing period through October 20, 2002. During the extended permissive dialing period, calls to the qualifying wireless telephone codes can use either the 504 or 985 area code. On October 21, 2002, the new area code 985 must be used for the following qualifying wireless NXX codes:

205	372	474	614	725	845
209	373	498	624	730	847
215	375	502	626	732	850
222	380	503	630	735	852
229	381	507	634	747	854
264	385	509	637	748	856
285	396	510	640	750	857
290	397	513	645	759	867
291	408	514	646	788	879
294	409	515	647	789	898
295	413	516	674	790	960
320	429	517	687	803	966
322	435	518	690	804	969
330	438	519	703	805	
351	444	543	705	807	
358	448	549	707	817	
369	449	570	714	839	

Mandatory dialing of all other 985 NXX codes (those not listed above) will begin at 12:01 AM Central Time on October 22, 2001. All calls dialed with the incorrect area code will be routed to an intercept message advising them that the area code for the dialed number has changed to area code 985. Please update your company's network accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact your BellSouth account team representative.

Sincerely,

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