
BellSouth Interconnection Services

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To: All Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: IXCs - Billing Option Changes to Multiple Bill for November 2001

This is to advise IXCs of a new billing option being implemented between several companies and BellSouth during the month of November 2001.

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 the Independent Telephone Company billing for BellSouth, to a multiple bill arrangement. Special access services are already multiple billed. These companies should also notify its customers of this change.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>OCN</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Last IBC Date</u>
Highland Telephone Company	4002	November 1, 2001	November 1, 2001
Highland Telephone Company	0565	November 15, 2001	November 19, 2001
Atlantic Telephone Member	0468	November 1, 2001	November 1, 2001

All payments for bills reflecting usage from the above effective dates or IBC bill dates should be sent to the company rendering the bill.

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

Sincerely,

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