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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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To: All Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: IXCs - Billing Option Change for TDS Companies in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina

This is to advise IXCs of a new billing option being implemented by BellSouth and TDS (a holding company for telephone companies in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina).

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 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. The first bill for BellSouth and these companies will include usage from the effective date below and will depend on your company's bill period.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>OCN</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Last IBC Bill Date</u>
Humphreys County	TN	0566	12/01/2001	12/07/2001
Tellico Telephone Co	TN	0578	12/11/2001	12/16/2001
Tennessee Telephone Co	TN	0575	12/11/2001	12/16/2001
Concord Telephone Co	TN	0559	12/21/2001	12/25/2001
McClellanville Telephone Co	SC	0533	03/01/2002	03/07/2002
St Stephen Telephone Co	SC	0544	03/01/2002	03/07/2002
Norway Telephone Co	SC	0535	03/24/2002	03/28/2002
Williston Telephone Co	SC	0551	03/24/2002	03/28/2002
Saluda Mountain Telephone Co	NC	0498	06/01/2002	06/07/2002
Service Telephone Co	NC	0500	06/01/2002	06/07/2002
Barnardsville Telephone Co	NC	0469	06/24/2002	06/28/2002
Quincy Telephone Co	GA	4454	06/24/2002	06/28/2002

TDS will also notify customers of this change.

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

Please contact your Interexchange Carrier Service Center with any questions.

Sincerely,

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