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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject: CLECs - Posting of the Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG) Application Program Interface (API) Software and API Reference Guide for CLEC Application Verification Environment (CAVE) Testing for Encore Release 10.3

This is to advise that on December 12, 2001, BellSouth posted Version 7.7.0.1 of the TAG API software and API Reference Guide to the TAG secure Web site for use in the CAVE Test environment. TAG 7.7.0.1 API and Reference Guide incorporates corrections of major anomalies identified by BellSouth that will facilitate a higher quality of testing for CLECs and vendors testing Encore Release 10.3.

BellSouth recommends that CLECs and vendors, who are not planning to test Encore Release 10.3 in CAVE, download the Encore Release 10.3 production ready version of the TAG API and Reference Guide that will be available January 4, 2002. The production ready version will incorporate corrections identified prior to the Encore Release 10.3 production date and will be the only TAG version supported in the production environment.

As a reminder, effective January 6, 2001, BellSouth requires compliance to the TAG Security Credentials Guidelines posted to the BellSouth Interconnection Services' Web site in Carrier Notification [SN91082688](#) on October 31, 2001, and also on the TAG secured Web site. These guidelines will increase the performance level for CLECs utilizing TAG.

Please contact your BellSouth account team representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

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