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**Carrier Notification
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To: All Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs), Interexchange Carriers (IXCs), Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) and Meet Point Billed (MPB)

Subject: CLECs, IXCs, CMRS and MPB - Billing Change to Non-Common Minutes of Use for Stratos Telecom, Inc. in Louisiana

This is to advise that effective April 1, 2002, a billing change to non-common minutes of use will be implemented between BellSouth and Stratos Telecom, Inc. (EC/OCN 7023) in Louisiana.

Non-common minutes occur when each company bills from their recordings without the exchange of summary records between exchange companies. Primarily, the Initial Billing Company (IBC) is responsible for determining the jurisdiction, factoring, etc., for all usage (i.e. interstate, intrastate and local) and providing it to the Subsequent Billing Company (SBC) for billing to the customers. 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 service. The elimination of common minutes of use billing was approved at the OBF in November 2000 for implementation between companies beginning January 1, 2001, and ending August 31, 2002.

With minutes of use generated April 1, 2002, the billing change to non-common minutes will be implemented. The last bill for BellSouth and Strato Telecom for billing in a common minutes of use environment will be usage through March 31, 2002, and an IBC bill date of April 8, 2002.

Stratos Telecom should also be notifying its customers of this change.

All payments will continue to be made to the company rendering the access bill.

Please contact your BellSouth Account Team Representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY

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