
BellSouth Interconnection Services

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**Carrier Notification
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To: All Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) and Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: CLECs and IXCs – **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Jurisdictional Factors Reporting (As noted in Carrier Notification Letters [SN91081790](#) and [SN91082013](#))

The purpose of this Customer Notification Letter is to restate the need for and importance of jurisdictional factors reporting. Previous Customer Notification Letters, SN91081790 and SN91082013, issued on June 1, 2000 and October 27, 2000, respectively, have addressed this issue. (Click on the SN number to view these letters). However, there continues to be instances where factors are not provided or found to be grossly inaccurate.

Jurisdictional factors are used to apportion charges for switched services between the interstate and intrastate switched access tariffs and the Local Interconnection Contract. The various factors are described in detail in the BellSouth Jurisdictional Factors Reporting Guide, which can be found at the BellSouth Interconnection Services' Web site in the Interconnection Carrier: Customer Guides Section located at the following address:

<http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/guides/index.html>

Additionally, the factor process is referenced in the BellSouth Switched Access tariffs (BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Section 2.3.10, Jurisdictional Report Requirements) as well as Attachment 3 of the Local Interconnection contracts. Therefore, a complete description of all the factors is not provided in this letter.

Basically, there are separate interstate and intrastate factors for both usage and trunks and facilities. The interstate factors separate the total usage or trunks and facilities into separate interstate and intrastate categories. The interstate category is billed from the BellSouth Interstate Switched Access Services Tariff. The intrastate/local factors are applied to the intrastate "category" in order to further separate it into State Switched Access Services Tariff billing and Local Interconnection Contract billing.

Billing accuracy is highly dependent on accurate and timely factor reporting. Additionally, for those customers with Bill and Keep Local Interconnection contracts, the Bill and Keep provision will not be accurately implemented without customer provision of these factors. As a part of the contractual agreement with BellSouth, factors including the Percent Local Factor (PLF) are required.

Your company's cooperation in supplying the appropriate factors is greatly appreciated. Please contact your BellSouth Local Contract Manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY

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