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

Subject: CLECs, CMRS, IXCs and MPB - Billing Change to Non-Common Minutes of Use for Union Springs Telephone Company in Alabama

This is to advise that, effective April 16, 2002, a billing change to non-common minutes of use will be implemented between BellSouth and Union Springs Telephone Company (OCN 0322) in Alabama.

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) was 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 starting January 1, 2001, and ending August 31, 2002.

With minutes of use generated April 16, 2002, the billing change to non-common minutes will be implemented. The last bill for BellSouth and Union Springs for billing in a common minutes of use environment will be usage through April 15, 2002, and an IBC bill date of April 30, 2002.

Union Springs Telephone Company 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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