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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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**Carrier Notification****SN91083013**

Date: April 29, 2002

To: All Telecommunications Carriers Operating In BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Service Areas.

Subject: All Telecommunications Carriers - Conversion To Non-Common Minutes Transit  
Traffic Billing

BellSouth is in the process of converting to a new Ordering Billing Forum (OBF) standard for the billing of traffic between other companies that transits the BellSouth network. This new billing standard, entitled Non-Common Minutes Billing, is applied when each company bills from its recordings without the exchange of summary records required with the current transit traffic billing standard. While there are a number of reasons for this change, the need for this new billing standard has been driven primarily by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) not providing the records necessary for BellSouth to bill accurately. Also, the changes are due to processing problems associated with the CLEC tape formats that prohibit the usage from going through BellSouth's system for timely billing.

With the initial implementation of this new billing standard, you may see Switched Access usage from November 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002, on your bill. Although Switched Access billing, based on BellSouth recorded and jurisdictionalized usage, is normally subject to "bill guarantee" and is not billed after three bill periods, there is an exemption from "bill guarantee" associated with complex restructures such as this. Further explanation of the "bill guarantee" policy can be found, if necessary, in Carrier Notification Letter SN91081399.

Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this subject to BellSouth Local Contract Manager.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY**

Jim Brinkley – Senior Director  
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