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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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To: Interexchange Carriers (IXCs)

Subject: IXCs - Billing Option Change in the State of Georgia

This letter is to advise IXCs of a new billing option being implemented between BellSouth and ALLTEL (OCN/4332), TDS Companies Blue Ridge (OCN/0346) and Nelson Ball Ground (OCN/0375) in Georgia. The exchanges for ALLTEL are only those that are on the North Georgia Fiber Ring. A multiple bill arrangement will be implemented for all access services with any exceptions listed below.

Multiple billing occurs when one Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) owns the wire center that serves the IXC and another LEC owns the wire center that serves the end user. In this environment, each LEC may bill the IXCs for its portion of the access service (multiple bill) or one LEC may be designated as the Initial Billing Company (IBC) and render a single bill for both companies (single bill/multiple tariff). The Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) document, prepared by the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), establishes the guidelines for billing when multiple LECs are involved in providing access services.

Effective with switched access usage and special access billing generated on July 1, 2002, the billing option will change from a single bill/multiple tariff option, with each company billing for BellSouth, to a multiple bill arrangement. Special Access services are already multiple-billed with ALLTEL. The first bill for BellSouth and these companies will include usage from July 1, 2002, and will depend on your company's bill period.

Each connecting company should also notify its customers of this change.

All payments for bills reflecting usage from the above effective date, or any IBC bill date after July 1, 2002, should be sent to the company rendering the bill. The first bill received from BellSouth under the new option will be generated beginning late July to mid-August 2002, depending upon your company's billing cycle and the date that BellSouth receives the usage from each company.

Please contact your BellSouth Interexchange Carrier Service Center (ICSC) with any questions.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JIM BRINKLEY**

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