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**Carrier Notification
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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject: CLECs –Upgrade to the BellSouth Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Infrastructure

This is to advise that BellSouth is engaged in a project to upgrade the EDI infrastructure. The infrastructure project will move EDI from mainframe to a UNIX environment. The new infrastructure will enhance performance characteristics by increasing server capacity, implementing load balancing and providing greater throughput. The new infrastructure supports the implementations of Interactive Agent and Pre-Order for EDI.

The infrastructure project will be implemented with ENCORE Release 12.0 on March 30, 2003. CLECs will be impacted in the following areas:

- CLEC chooses Interactive Agent for EDI Pre-Order and/or Ordering.
 - CLEC will move to a new platform as part of Interactive Agent Setup Process.
 - Migration schedule and Trading Partner Setup/Testing Process will be negotiated by the BellSouth Electronic Commerce (EC) Account Team.
- CLEC chooses to remain on Connect:Direct for EDI Ordering (Value Added Network (VAN) customers are not impacted by the migration to UNIX at this time).
 - CLEC will remain on the current mainframe platform until such time as a migration date has been scheduled with the CLEC by the EC Account Team.
 - The migrations will take place on an individual basis.
 - Migrations will begin in the April 2003 timeframe.
 - BellSouth is targeting December 31, 2004, for completion of the migration to UNIX platform project
- New CLECs/Vendors will be established on UNIX platform as part of their Trading Partner Setup.

BellSouth began the process of migrating to the new infrastructure in late 2000; however, some difficulties were encountered during the implementation. This project is the completion of the original initiative.

Please contact your BellSouth Local Support Manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

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