
BellSouth Interconnection Services

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

Subject: CLECs - Initial Offering – Premium Offering For Shared Loops - Central Office Sync Test (COST) in Conjunction With Trouble Tickets For Shared Loops

This is to advise that during late Third Quarter 2003, for those CLECs whose Interconnection Agreements, Attachment 2, contain the applicable provisions for billing a No Trouble Found (NTF) trouble ticket for Shared Loops (High Frequency Spectrum (HFS) and Line Splitting), BellSouth will begin offering x Digital Subscriber Line (xDSL) COST in conjunction with a CLEC-initiated CO maintenance trouble ticket for Shared Loops.

This new offering will allow CLECs to request that BellSouth perform an xDSL COST on the DLEC's data signal. This offering is only available when the DLEC equipment is compatible with existing BellSouth test equipment and the trouble ticket was issued in a BellSouth CO equipped with the appropriate test equipment. CLECs desiring to order COST will need to have a fully executed standalone contractual arrangement for COST prior to being able to request and receive COST.

The COST CLEC Information Package will be posted to the BellSouth Interconnection Services' Web site prior to the end of August 2003, at:

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

If you have any questions, please contact your BellSouth Local Contract Manager.

Sincerely,

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