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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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**Carrier Notification  
SN91083974**

Date: February 18, 2004

To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – Business/Operational Process - Update to Operating Company Number (OCN) Requirements

This is to advise that effective March 1, 2004, BellSouth will no longer require CLECs to obtain “state specific” OCNs to purchase Unbundled Network Elements (UNE). CLECs must continue to obtain OCNs from the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA); however, the CLEC will determine the OCN category and the number of OCNs for the CLEC’s business in accordance with NECA requirements.

No action is required for existing CLECs who currently have state specific OCNs. There will be no changes made on these accounts and no changes made to the billing of these accounts unless requested by the CLEC.

This update will be reflected in the BellSouth Start-Up Guide posted to the BellSouth Interconnection Services Web site located at the following address:

<http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/guides/activation/html/gstug001/index.htm>

Please contact your BellSouth Local Contract Manager with questions.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JERRY HENDRIX**

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