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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – (OSS) – Update to the Electronic Communications Interactive Agent Functional Specification, Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF) 98-006, Issue 3, Revision 2

As you are aware, BellSouth's Interactive Agent product includes Electronic Communications Interactive Agent Functional Specification, TCIF 98-006 Issue 3, and Revision 2, dated December 5, 2001.

BellSouth has recently discovered several issues with the TCIF 98-006 Issue 3, Revision 2 industry standard specifications. After several meetings with the authors, following are several important clarifications for Issue 3, Revision 2, Section 5.2 titled "Message Syntax Definitions:"

- All messages are now sent as one of several string types (IA5STRING, OCTET STRING or BIT STRING)
- The intent of Section 5.2 under the heading laMessage is to provide the description of all message types
- The description of an EnhancedMessage type appears to indicate they are used for digitally signed messages, but was also intended to describe laReceiptMessages

As a result of these clarifications, it will be necessary for BellSouth to update the Issue 3 Interactive Agent product. BellSouth will implement this change in a future software release. Until such time as the change is made, BellSouth will be unable to offer Interactive Agent Issue 3.

Should you have any questions, please contact your BellSouth e-commerce account manager.

Sincerely,

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