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

Subject: CLECs and IXCS – (Other) – Enhancement to Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE)

This is to advise that on October 15, 2004, BellSouth will enhance the CARE application to increase the current 960-byte record length to the 1500-byte record length as developed by the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF). BellSouth will continue to accept files in the 960 byte record length until June 2, 2005. The sunset date established by the OBF for the 960 byte record length is June 1, 2005. When implementation is completed on October 15, 2004, BellSouth's outbound transmissions will only be sent in the 1500 byte record length format.

Currently when a carrier submits a transaction to BellSouth, it is Version 3. With the implementation of the new record length, the version number submitted by the carrier will change to Version 4. Therefore, if a carrier continues to submit the 960 byte record length, the version number in positions 29 – 32 of the Header/Trailer records should remain "0003". However, when a carrier begins submitting the 1500 byte record length the version number in positions 29 – 32 of the Header/Trailer records should be changed to "0004".

Any CLEC or IXC that wishes to test inbound or outbound transmissions with BellSouth prior to implementation should contact Alisha Neilson, CARE project manager at 205.977.0111.

Sincerely,

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