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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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**Carrier Notification  
SN91084271**

Date: October 21, 2004

To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – (Maintenance & Repair and Provisioning) - Force Majeure Event for Florida Operations – Self-Effecting Enforcement Mechanisms (SEEM) Payments

Due to the recent hurricanes in Florida, BellSouth posted a notice to the Performance Measurement Analysis Platform (PMAP) Web site related to the effect of the hurricanes on August 2004 SEEM Payments in Florida. As stated in that notice, and as described in BellSouth's letter filed with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) on August 16, 2004, Hurricane Charley constituted a Force Majeure event that affected BellSouth's operations in Florida. In accordance with paragraph 4.5.4 of the Florida SEEM Administrative Plan, BellSouth is not obligated to pay SEEM remedies when a Force Majeure event results in performance noncompliance.

Hurricane Charley affected BellSouth's Provisioning and Maintenance and Repair (M&R) operations in those wire centers specified in the August 16, 2004 letter to such an extent that remedies for submetrics in these domains will reflect the exclusion of data for those wire centers for the period August 13, 2004 to August 31, 2004. Due to the need to account for the impact of this Force Majeure event, BellSouth was unable to calculate by October 15, 2004, accurate remedies for Provisioning and M&R submetrics: (i) for the period of August 1, 2004 to August 12, 2004, for the wire centers affected by Hurricane Charley; and (ii) for the entire month of August for all other wire centers. Remedies that reflect exclusion of the impact of the Force Majeure event for these submetrics will be paid, with interest calculated as required by the Florida SEEM Administrative Plan, and revised Parity Analysis and Remedy Information System (PARIS) reports will be posted by October 29, 2004. Remedies for submetrics in all other measurement domains were not adjusted for this Force Majeure event.

Please submit any questions you may have via the PMAP Web site in the Feedback Option section at the following address:

<http://pmap.bellsouth.com>

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JERRY HENDRIX**

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