
BellSouth Business Markets

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**Carrier Notification
SN91086118**

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To: All Business Markets – Wholesale Customers

Subject: All Business Markets – Wholesale Customers – (Billing, Provisioning, Network Operations and Maintenance & Repair) – **REVISED** - Status of Force Majeure Conditions for Portions of the State of Louisiana (Latest revision posted on August 30, 2006)

On January 6, 2006, BellSouth issued Carrier Notification letter **SN91086003** advising that the Force Majeure provision of the agreement between BellSouth and your company, for those areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, remained in effect in several geographic areas. **On September 26, 2006, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a letter to BellSouth in Docket No. U-22252 lifting the Force Majeure Event invoked as a result of Hurricane Katrina's effects on New Orleans, and specifically the area referred to as "the Bowl", effective September 26, 2006. BellSouth will now be subjected to Tier-1 and Tier-2 Enforcement Mechanisms for non-compliance.**

Although BellSouth is lifting Force Majeure as directed by the Commission, outside plant facilities are still NOT generally available throughout these affected wire centers in this area. There are areas in these wire centers where service is available; however, **the New Orleans area is still a long way from being "business as usual" as represented in the Katrina Wire Center Update** posted to the BellSouth Interconnection Services Web site at:

http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/alerts_and_notifications/network/disaster/hurricane/index.html

As previously indicated, BellSouth will continue to update this site periodically as additional information about restored Distribution Areas becomes available. Once all the Distribution Areas within a particular wire center have been restored in full, the "Network Availability" column will be coded green for restored and available.

Please contact your BellSouth account team representative with any questions.

Sincerely,

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