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**Carrier Notification
SN91086147**

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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: CLECs – (Billing, Tariff and Maintenance & Repair) – Introducing a Billing Enhancement to Mechanically Bill the Maintenance of Service Charge for Unbundled Network Element and Wholesale Local Platform Customers

This is to advise that, on June 21, 2006, BellSouth implemented a billing enhancement to mechanically bill for the Maintenance of Service charge as referenced in its BellSouth Tariff FCC No. 1, Section 13.3.1, for Unbundled Network Element (UNE) and Wholesale Local Platform (WLP) customers. This letter will also reiterate BellSouth's procedures with regard to billing a Maintenance of Service charge.

As an example, if the CLEC reports a trouble on a BellSouth UNE or WLP and the circuit tests ok (TOK), or the UNE cannot be tested, e.g., Service Level I (SL1) and Unbundled Sub-Loop (USL), and the CLEC demands a dispatch and no trouble is found, BellSouth will bill the CLEC for a Maintenance of Service charge. A Maintenance of Service charge will also be applied to requested dispatches where trouble is found on the end user's side of the demarcation point/network interface. Additionally, if the CLEC provides approval for BellSouth to perform work on the end user's side of the demarcation point/network interface, the CLEC will be billed for a Maintenance of Service charge and any associated isolation and/or repair work performed.

The Maintenance of Service charge has previously been billed manually, however, with the billing enhancement; billing will be automated, and will provide consistency in charges billed under the Other Charges and Credits (OC&C) portion of the CLEC's bill. There will be no back billing for previous discrepancies in the manually billed Maintenance of Service charges.

Additional information concerning Maintenance of Service charges can be found in Carrier Notification letter SN91085004, dated February 3, 2005. If you have any questions, please contact your BellSouth local contract manager.

Sincerely,

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