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**Carrier Notification  
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To: Facility-based Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) and Wireless Service Providers (WSP)

Subject: Facility-based CLECs and WSPs – (Product/Service) – Violation of Asymmetric Routing of Signaling System 7 Messages

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast (AT&T) has recently identified numerous carriers who are routing their SS7 messages asymmetrically between AT&T and their own Signaling System 7 (SS7) links. Asymmetric routing occurs when the SS7 messages involved in a call setup do not follow the same path in both directions.

Asymmetric routing violates the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreements between AT&T and impacted carriers (Parties). These terms and conditions include provisions requiring the carrier to exchange the proper call information, i.e., originated call company number and destination call company number, Carrier Identification Company Code (CIC) and OZZ Codes, including all proper translations for routing between networks and any information necessary for billing. Asymmetric routing is outside industry standards for proper routing of SS7 traffic and prevents AT&T from properly billing for SS7 services. Asymmetric routing is also an inefficient use of the Parties' networks, as it requires greater processing time.

AT&T will soon send notices to impacted carriers with specific point code and site information. AT&T will work with these customers to rectify these unconventional signaling arrangements.

Please contact your AT&T account manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY KRISTEN E. SHORE**

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