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Related Letters:	NA	Attachment:	NA
States Impacted:	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee		
Issuing AT&T ILECS:	AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Tennessee (collectively referred to for purposes of this Accessible Letter as “AT&T Southeast Region”)		
Response Deadline:	NA	Contact:	Electronic Commerce Account Team

On October 19, 2008, the AT&T Southeast Region (AT&T) will retire the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). A preliminary discussion regarding the retirement of EDI was held during the Change Control Process (CCP) April 25, 2007 meeting.

The pre-ordering and ordering functionality currently provided by EDI will be replaced by a new Extensible Markup Language (XML) Gateway on June 22, 2008. EDI will still be available until its retirement on October 19, 2008. The time period between June 22, 2008 and the retirement date will allow CLECs to test and turn up XML for electronic Local Pre-Ordering and Ordering. Please note that the implementation of the new XML Gateway will replace the current XML being used in the AT&T Southeast Region.

The implementation of the new XML Gateway for Local Pre-Ordering and Ordering brings AT&T Southeast Region into alignment with other providers in the local telecommunications industry. Once the XML Gateway is in production, no CLEC may begin to use EDI (i.e., “turn up” for the first time). Additional information regarding the new XML Gateway will be sent via a subsequent Accessible Letter.

AT&T is complying with the CCP retirement guidelines for the implementation of this migration. Change Request CR2494 addresses the EDI retirement. Additional information (e.g., detailed schedules, communications methodologies, user guides, etc.) will be distributed as it becomes available.

Please contact the AT&T electronic commerce account team representative if you have questions.