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Subject: BellSouth Operation Support Systems Update and the Alabama and North Carolina NPA Splits

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We have been advised by BellSouth that there will be a different process involved with Operations Support System updates. In past NPA splits, BellSouth converted its internal operations support systems (OSSs) coincident with the beginning of permissive dialing. (These systems support functions that include billing, service orders, repair and operator services.) For four upcoming NPA splits in BellSouth, the OSS conversion will, for the first time here, occur after permissive dialing has already commenced. Permissive dialing for the 205/256, 704/828, 803/843 and 919/252 NPA splits begins on March 22, 1998. BellSouth Telecommunications OSS supporting each of those NPAs will be converted April 23-26, 1998.

During the interval between permissive dialing on March 22 and the OSS conversion date of April 23-26, BellSouth interfaces will generally accept data with either the old or new NPA and will make any data modifications required. Conversely, BellSouth data furnished to other carriers over those interfaces will continue to carry the old NPA during that interval. BellSouth is not able to assess impacts delayed OSS conversion may have on interconnecting carriers.

OSS conversion is not to be confused with ANI conversion. Interested parties should contact each local exchange carrier individually for ANI conversion schedules which are determined by and under the control of the carrier. These contacts should be directed through the same channels as other interface issues.

Questions concerning OSS issues and the planned NPA relief may be directed to BellSouth NPA Administrator, Douglas McCullough, on 205 977-5069.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Rose Breidenbaugh, on 202 756-5779.

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