1		BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
2		DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RONALD M. PATE
3		BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
4		DOCKET NO. 030137-TP
5		MAY 19, 2003
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8	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, YOUR POSITION WITH BELLSOUTH
9		TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND YOUR BUSINESS ADDRESS.
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11	A.	My name is Ronald M. Pate. I am employed by BellSouth Telecommunications,
12		Inc. ("BellSouth") as a Director - Interconnection Services. In this position, I
13		handle certain issues related to local interconnection matters, primarily operations
14		support systems ("OSS"). My business address is 675 West Peachtree Street,
15		Atlanta, Georgia 30375.
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17	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.
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19	A.	I graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1973, with a Bachelor of
20		Science degree. In 1984, I received a Masters of Business Administration degree
21		from Georgia State University. My professional career spans over 30 years of
22		general management experience in operations, logistics management, human
23		resources, sales and marketing. I joined BellSouth in 1987, and have held various
24		positions of increasing responsibility since that time.
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1	Q.	HAVE YOU TESTIFIED PREVIOUSLY?
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3	A.	Yes. I have testified before the Public Service Commissions in Alabama, Florida,
4		Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina and Kentucky, the Tennessee Regulatory
5	,	Authority, and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.
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7	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
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9	A.	My testimony will provide BellSouth's position on OSS-related interconnection
10		agreement negotiation issues in which BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom
11		Communications, Inc. ("DeltaCom") are at an impasse. The issues in question are
12		Issue 9 related to nondiscriminatory access to OSS, and Issues 66 and 67 related
13		to change management matters. Further, I will show the Florida Public Service
14		Commission ("Commission") why BellSouth's position on each of these issues is
15		the more appropriate and logical resolution.
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17	Q.	DO YOU HAVE ANY OPENING COMMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION?
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19	A.	Yes. BellSouth believes that the OSS issues at impasse have been included
20		inappropriately in this arbitration. DeltaCom, as an Alternative Local Exchange
21		Carrier ("ALEC"), is an involved member of the BellSouth Change Control
22		Process ("CCP"), but it has inexplicably and inappropriately brought CCP
23		operational issues to this Commission in this Section 252 ¹ arbitration as an end-
24		run to the CCP's existing escalation and dispute resolution process. It is

 $^{^{1}}$ This arbitration is being conducted under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

particularly exasperating that DeltaCom chooses to bring to this arbitration these issues that have been or are currently being addressed in the CCP. This proceeding is supposed to be an arbitration relative to the issues and language of an interconnection agreement, not a forum for resolving operational issues being handled more appropriately in industry forums, or rehashing previously resolved regulatory issues.

BellSouth's CCP is a *regional* process that affects *all* ALECs, and has been developed collaboratively over the course of an exhaustive six-year process with an inordinate amount of ALEC input and agreement, as well as state regulatory oversight. The CCP guidelines currently in place are those that the ALEC community have demanded and approved as being the best set of rules for an efficient change management process. BellSouth believes, as nine state regulatory bodies and the FCC have already confirmed, that ALEC and BellSouth change requests that affect *all* ALECs are best handled within the operating parameters of the CCP, and not in a Section 252 arbitration between BellSouth and a *single* ALEC.

Moreover, the specific OSS issues that DeltaCom has brought before this Commission have been previously addressed in 271 hearings by the nine state regulatory bodies in BellSouth's region, as well as by the FCC in three separate BellSouth applications for 271 relief. BellSouth proved in numerous proceedings, and the findings by the state regulatory bodies ² (including those of the Florida

² Alabama Public Service Commission Order in Docket 25835, May 30, 2002, at page 166; Florida Public Service Commission Opinion No. PSC-02-1305-FOF-TL in Docket 960786B-TL, September 25, 2002, at page 84; Georgia Public Service Commission Order in Dockets 6863-U, 7253-U and 8354-U, October 23, 2001, at page 2; Kentucky Public Service Commission Order in Case 2001-00105, April 26, 2002, at pages 15-30; Louisiana Public Service Commission Order in Docket U-22252-E, September 21, 2001, at page 5;

1		Public Service Commission") and the FCC clearly demonstrate, that BellSouth's
2		OSS provide nondiscriminatory access to ALECs. In so doing, BellSouth met the
3		requirements of Checklist Item 2, and thereby renders moot DeltaCom's concerns
4		expressed in Issue 9 – Nondiscriminatory Access to OSS. BellSouth asks this
5	•	Commission to confirm that Issue 9 is satisfied, and there is no need to include
6		any language in an interconnection agreement other than a simple statement that
7		BellSouth provides nondiscriminatory access to its OSS and commits to continue
8		to do so.
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10		The same regulatory orders referenced above 5 reflect that BellSouth's change
11		management process also meets the FCC's requirements of Checklist Item 2.
12		BellSouth contends, as it has in past arbitrations and 271 proceedings, that
13		BellSouth's CCP is the proper venue in which to address issues such as those
14		brought by DeltaCom to this arbitration in Issues 66 and 67. BellSouth asks this
15		Commission to confirm that.
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Mississippi Public Service Commission Order in Docket 97-AD-321, October 4, 2001, at pages 37, 39-40; North Carolina Utilities Commission Order in Docket P-55, Sub 1022, July 9, 2002, at pages 164-165; Public Service Commission of South Carolina Order in Docket 2001-209-C, February 14, 2002, at pages 47-48, 50; and by virtue of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Settlement Agreement in OSS Docket 01-00362, September 18, 2002.

³ Further, in the cover letter to its *Comments* to the FCC in support of BellSouth's Florida/Tennessee 271 Application (to which was attached the aforementioned FPSC Opinion cited in footnote 2 above), the Florida Public Service Commission stated, "...we believe that the independent third-party testing for BellSouth's OSS has provided us with the necessary tools to ensure BellSouth's compliance and our future ability to monitor BellSouth's compliance."

⁴ Georgia/Louisiana 271 FCC Order 02-147 (WC Docket No. 02-35), May 15, 2002, at ¶101; Multistate 271 FCC Order 02-260 (WC Docket No. 02-150), September 18, 2002, at ¶128; and Florida/Tennessee 271 FCC Order 02-331 (WC Docket No. 02-307), December 19, 2002, at ¶67.

⁵ Id., APSC Order, at page 169; FPSC Opinion, at page 85; GPSC Order, at page 2; KPSC Order, at page 29; LPSC Order, at page 5; MPSC Order, at page 61; NCUC Order, at pages 158-159; PSCSC Order, at page 75; by virtue of the TRA Settlement Agreement in OSS docket; FCC Georgia/Louisiana Order, at ¶¶179-197; FCC Multistate Order, at ¶¶178-179; and, FCC Florida/Tennessee Order, at ¶¶108-110.

1	Q.	DO ALECS HAVE AVAILABLE TO THEM OTHER OPTIONS FOR AIRING
2		GRIEVANCES REGARDING CCP ACTIVITIES?
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4	A.	Absolutely. The Change Control Process Document Version 3.6 (effective April
5		17, 2003, and attached as Exhibit RMP-1), in Section 8.0 – Escalation Process
6		(page 77), clearly allows an ALEC, upon receipt of an unfavorable (to that
7		ALEC) decision, to:
8		- escalate up through management levels within BellSouth at the ALEC's
9		discretion, and based on the severity of the missed or unaccepted
10		response/resolution;
11		- escalate on issues relating to the Process itself, and;
12		- escalate only after normal Change Control procedures have occurred per
13		the Change Control agreement.
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15		Further, the CCP allows steps beyond escalation for seeking appropriate relief in
16		the event that either party (ALEC or BellSouth) is unsatisfied with the outcome of
17		an escalation. In the CCP document under Section 8.0 - Escalation Process (page
18		81), either party may:
19		- request mediation through the appropriate state regulatory agency, if
20		available, and/or;
21		- without necessity for prior mediation, file a formal complaint with the
22		appropriate agency requesting resolution of the issue.
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1		DeltaCom has chosen not to take advantage of the CCP provisions for escalation
2		and dispute resolution as outlined above, but to bring the issues to this
3		arbitration. ⁶
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5	Q.	IS FURTHER COMMISSION INVOLVEMENT IN THE CCP NECESSARY?
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7	A.	No. Several state regulatory bodies (specifically Florida, Georgia and Kentucky)
8		and the FCC, in the course of reviewing BellSouth's 271 applications, have
9		committed to monitoring the CCP to ensure compliance. Further, CCP Service
10		Quality Measurements ("SQMs") are in effect in all states to support regulatory
11		monitoring.
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13		DeltaCom's efforts constitute a fishing expedition, with hopes that at least one
14		state regulatory body will take the bait and render a "DeltaCom" change control
15		decision – effectively bypassing the established regional CCP and contravening
16		earlier rulings by the various regulatory bodies that BellSouth's CCP meets the
17		FCC requirements for change management. It should not be permissible for an
18		individual ALEC to use the regulatory process - specifically, a Section 252
19		arbitration – for CCP issues in a manner other than that prescribed in Section 8.0
20		of the approved CCP guidelines. BellSouth asks this Commission to confirm that
21		BellSouth's CCP meets the FCC requirements for a change management process,

⁶ In its Opinion No. PSC-02-1305-FOF-TL in Docket No. 960786B-TL, attached to its Comments to the FCC in support of BellSouth's Florida/Tennessee 271 Application, this Commission stated, at page 85, "We also note that venues such as the Change Control Process, the FPSC Competitive Topics Forum, and the formal complaint process also provide options for addressing OSS problems encountered by ALECs." Thus, this Commission has confirmed what BellSouth claims in this proceeding regarding the appropriateness of the CCP as a venue for resolving these issues, and, further, adds yet another option (the Competitive Topics Forum for issues that are not within the scope of CCP) that is also a more appropriate venue for OSS issues than is this Section 252 arbitration.

1 and that the resolution of Issues 66 and 67 belongs within the operating guidelines 2 of the CCP, where those issues have been or currently are being addressed. 3 4 Notwithstanding BellSouth's general position that these three issues should not be 5 considered in a Section 252 arbitration proceeding, I will nonetheless address 6 each of them for this Commission. I will show that BellSouth provides 7 nondiscriminatory access to its OSS (Issue 9), and that not only is the CCP the 8 proper venue for the other two issues, but, in fact, the CCP is currently dealing, or 9 has dealt, with both of them. 10 11 **Issue 9: OSS Interfaces** 12 13 14 Q. GIVEN THAT BELLSOUTH HAS RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE RELIEF IN 15 ALL STATES WITHIN ITS REGION, HOW SHOULD THIS COMMISSION 16 VIEW THE IMPLICATIONS BROUGHT BY DELTACOM IN ITS ISSUES 17 MATRIX REGARDING BELLSOUTH'S PROVISION OF 18 NONDISCRIMINATORY ACCESS? 19 20 This issue is nothing more than a rehashing of a previously determined outcome. A. 21 As I indicated in my opening remarks, truly the most important aspect of any 22 discussion about BellSouth's nondiscriminatory access to OSS is what the FCC 23 and nine state regulatory bodies in BellSouth's region have contended – specifically, that BellSouth provides nondiscriminatory access to its OSS as 24 25 prescribed by the FCC, and, thus, satisfies the requirements of Checklist Item 2.

1		DeltaCom's implications otherwise are irrelevant, yet despite BellSouth's repeated
2		attempts to help DeltaCom understand that this issue already has been decided by
3		the FCC, it inexplicably chose to include this issue in this arbitration.
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5	•	As long ago as 1997, in BellSouth's first state application for 271 relief, ⁷
6		BellSouth steadfastly maintained its compliance for the requirements as outlined
7		in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") and the FCC's interpretation of
8		the Act, 8 as BellSouth continues to do. Both the states and the FCC agree with
9		BellSouth's interpretation of these requirements for nondiscriminatory access to
10		both systems and information necessary to perform the requisite functions, and
11	•	these bodies have found repeatedly that BellSouth is compliant in providing such.
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13	Q.	THE WORD "PARITY" APPEARS IN DELTACOM'S PRE-FILED ISSUES
14		MATRIX. IS THERE A PARITY ISSUE WITH BELLSOUTH'S OSS?
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16	A.	Clearly, there is not such an issue – except in the collective DeltaCom mind.
17		Parity is at the very heart of the FCC's test for nondiscriminatory access. It is not
18		clear to BellSouth why DeltaCom includes in its issues matrix the phrase "same
19		time frames and in the same manner as provisioned to BellSouth retail customers"

⁷ FCC Docket CCC 97-208, Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., for the Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in South Carolina, Affidavit of William N. Stacy, at paragraph 3, BellSouth stated the "electronic interfaces BellSouth offers to CLECs [ALECs] allow CLECs [ALECs] to access the information and functions in BellSouth's operations support systems in substantially the same time and manner as BellSouth's access for its own retail operations. These interfaces thus provide access to operations support systems, 'under terms and conditions that would provide an efficient competitor with a meaningful opportunity to compete.' FCC order, paragraph 315."

FCC First Report and Order, CC Docket No. 96-98, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and subsequent reports.

1		because that is exactly what BellSouth already provides to ALECs. ⁹ If there was
2		any evidence to the contrary, the FCC and nine state regulatory bodies would not
3		have ruled as they all did.
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5		Further evidence of the impropriety of introducing this issue in an arbitration of
6		this nature is the fact that parity has also been previously addressed in a number
7		of performance measurements dockets in the states, and also validated by the FCC
8		in three BellSouth applications for the provision of long distance service. While
9		performance measurements should not be at issue in this arbitration, I am aware
10		(surely as is DeltaCom) that there are numerous metrics and associated penalties
11		in place to ensure that BellSouth complies with the requirements for
12		nondiscriminatory access to OSS.
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14	Q.	WHAT SHOULD THIS COMMISSION DO REGARDING THIS ISSUE?
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16	A.	If this Commission must address the issue at all, it should confirm its previous
17		validation of BellSouth's compliance with the requirements of nondiscriminatory
18		access to OSS. The Commission should accept BellSouth's proposed language
19		for the agreement that states BellSouth's commitment to comply with the
20		requirements of nondiscriminatory access, as all commissions have previously
21		confirmed BellSouth does.
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⁹ BellSouth prefers the more correct FCC test that provides for "substantially the same time and manner" in that Commission's interpretation of the Act regarding nondiscriminatory access. (See Footnote 7 above)

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3	Q.	DELTACOM SAYS IN ITS PRE-FILED ISSUES MATRIX THAT
4		BELLSOUTH SHOULD PROVIDE DELTACOM THE ABILITY TO TEST ITS
5	•	"END USER DATA TO THE SAME EXTENT AS DOES BELLSOUTH FOR
6		SUCH TESTING OF ITS OWN END USER DATA." PLEASE RESPOND.
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8	A.	Once again, this issue currently is being handled in the CCP, and BellSouth stand
9		by its response as indicated by DeltaCom in the issues matrix ("Change Request
10		is pending"). Change Request CR0896 (attached as Exhibit RMP-2) and parts of
11		CR0897 (attached as Exhibit RMP-3) will provide the enhanced functionality that
12		will satisfy DeltaCom's needs as DeltaCom has expressed to BellSouth in prior
13		discussions. CR0896 is slotted for Release 16.0 scheduled for implementation in
14		May 2004. Part of CR0897 has been implemented, and the remaining part will be
15		implemented in the ELMS6 industry Release 14.0 scheduled for November 2003.
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17	Q.	PLEASE PROVIDE THE DETAILS OF THESE TWO CHANGE REQUESTS
18		AS THEY RELATE TO DELTACOM'S NEEDS.
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20	A.	CR0896 for additional functionality was originally drafted by a group of CCP
21		member ALECs to "modify CAVE (CLEC [ALEC] Application Verification
22		Environment) to allow ALECs to test using their own company-specific data with
23		live ALEC-owned accounts and BellSouth test accounts without impacting
24		account status." (Quoted from Exhibit RMP-2) The ALECs submitted the change
25		request on August 1, 2002. After a review, BellSouth notified the ALECs, as

Issue 66: Testing of End User Data

prescribed by the CCP, that BellSouth could not support the entire request due to the development cost estimated at \$5.5M. ¹⁰ At the same time, BellSouth said it would be willing to support the first part of the request related to development of the ability for ALECs to use their own accounts in CAVE, at an estimated cost of \$1.2M for coding and the installation of software 'filters' in the production environment. ¹¹ BellSouth asked the ALECs if they were willing to consider that portion of the request as a separate item. The ALECs agreed to that proposal.

The second part of CR0896, at an estimated cost of \$4.35M, required the establishment of a new test site and billing system in order to provide an environment whereby ALEC test orders could be processed through the provisioning and billing steps. In working with the ALECs to find a solution to this otherwise cost-prohibitive request, BellSouth made a proposal that involved the individual ALECs taking the responsibility of establishing and paying for lines that could be provisioned with whatever specifications the ALECs wanted. These lines could be tested in the CAVE environment through whatever step the ALEC desired, and then be reused in future testing scenarios.

The benefits to the ALEC were multiple: the ALEC would have control over how and when those accounts were configured, installed, billed, etc., without the need for any involvement by BellSouth or a 60-day advance notice to BellSouth.

Actual billing to the ALECs would also be generated, since these lines would bill

¹⁰ According to the CCP guidelines (see Exhibit RMP-1, page 54, item 3), BellSouth may reject an ALEC change request for cost, industry direction or lack of technical feasibility.

The 'production' environment is defined as the versions of system or interface programs that are in current use by the ALECs for 'live' pre-ordering and ordering functions. On the other hand, the 'test' environment is where ALECs can test ordering and pre-ordering scenarios on current versions or, in a pre-release mode, the capabilities of an upcoming software release.

real charges to the ALECs just as any of their end user live accounts would. The ALECs agreed to this modification of the original proposal.

The capabilities provided by the two parts of CR0896 give ALECs the "end-to-end" testing scenario that DeltaCom has said it requires. The ALEC community is satisfied by this change request, and DeltaCom never voiced dissent after the agreement was made to proceed with this plan. ¹² If there are functionality needs for this type of CAVE testing that have not previously been expressed by DeltaCom, I would expect that DeltaCom would submit a change request.

CR0897 for additional functionality was also originally drafted by a group of CCP member ALECs, asking BellSouth to "expand CAVE to support increased CLEC [ALEC] testing through multiple simultaneous versions of TAG API (pre-order and order), and EDI/LSOG (i.e., LSOG2 & LSOG4) versions as well as Encore Releases (i.e., Encore Release 10.4 as well as Release 10.5)." (Quoted from Exhibit RMP-3) The ALECs submitted the change request on August 1, 2002, and, after a review, BellSouth notified the ALECs that BellSouth could not support the entire request due to the development cost estimated conservatively at \$8.0M for a second, separate test environment necessary to meet the full request. As with CR0896, BellSouth asked the ALECs to allow the change request to be separated into two parts – one for the support of multiple versions of TAG API¹³ and EDI in CAVE, and one for support of multiple Encore releases. ¹⁴

¹² The full chronology of the development of CR0896 is found in Exhibit RMP-2.

When XML replaces TAG API (phasing in between September 2003 and March 2004), CAVE will be equipped to provide equivalent capabilities for testing in XML that ALECs currently have for TAG API. This description of the various versions of system and interface software programming is somewhat complex. While it provides the technical aspects of CR0897, it really says, in layman's terms, that the ALECs as a group use multiple interfaces, and even those using the same interfaces may be using different

1	BellSouth offered to support the first part of the request. In fact, BellSouth has
2	already made available the ability for CAVE to support all TAG APIs currently in
3	production. While BellSouth continues to support two versions of EDI in
4	production, the capability to support two versions in CAVE will not be available
5	until November 2003. 15
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7	Due to cost estimates as stated above, BellSouth simply cannot support the second
8	part of CR0897. For each Encore release to be supported in CAVE, a separate
9	CAVE environment is required. 16 To mitigate some of the perceived problems,
10	the Encore releases have a "backward compatibility" capability that allows ALEC
11	regression testing in CAVE at any time during the 45-day testing window. For
12	example, if Release 12.0 is in production, and Release 13.0 is in CAVE, the
13	functionality for 12.0 is wholly contained in the 13.0, with the exception of
14	changes to BellSouth's business rules (BBRs). If changes in the BBRs require
15	any coding changes to be made by the ALECs, those changes will place
16	limitations on the backward-compatibility of the releases.
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18	This change request should satisfy the needs expressed by DeltaCom for testing
19	multiple versions of EDI. If there are functionality needs for this type of CAVE
20	testing that have not previously been expressed by DeltaCom, I would expect that
21	DeltaCom would submit a change request.

versions of that interface's software. BellSouth's CAVE takes that reality into consideration, without punishing the ALECs for using multiple interfaces and software versions.

15 RellSouth normally maintains two versions of EDI in and 1.

BellSouth normally maintains two versions of EDI in production – as long as there are any ALECs that are using either of the versions. All EDI ALECs currently are using Issue 9, and the previous version -Issue 7 – has been removed from production to allow BellSouth to begin preparation for the next EDI version - ELMS6 - that will be implemented in industry Release 14.0 in November 2003. At that point, two versions of EDI will again be in production, and both will be available to test within CAVE. ¹⁶ The full chronology of the development of CR0897 is found in Exhibit RMP-3.

1	Q.	ARE TOO AWARE OF ANT OTHER ISSUES THAT DELTACOM HAS
2		CONCERNING TESTING?
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4	A.	Yes. DeltaCom apparently feels that May 2004 is too long to wait for the
5	1	implementation of CR0896, and DeltaCom has no confidence that BellSouth will
6		deliver the functionality as BellSouth has said it would because DeltaCom will
7		not be able to see the requirements until 34 weeks prior to implementation of the
8		functionality. On both points, BellSouth is following the guidelines of the CCP.
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10		The approved process provides the opportunity for the ALECs to prioritize, by
11		ALEC vote alone, the candidate change requests, and that vote, along with
12		available capacity, helps determine into which release a particular change request
13		will be slotted. 17 Although the timeframe for implementation does not meet that
14		desired by DeltaCom, the FCC spoke on this issue as recently as December
15		2002 ¹⁸ by concluding "that BellSouth implements competitive LECs' change
16		requests in a timely manner." Further, the FCC stated, "as we have previously
17		recognized, OSS changes such as these are difficult to implement." (Footnotes
18		omitted). ¹⁹
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20		DeltaCom's concerns as to whether BellSouth will deliver the feature as it has
21		promised have no basis. As is the norm in release management within the CCP
22		(please see page 48 of Exhibit RMP-1), the draft user requirements for each
23		release (including those of each feature within the release) are not due to the

¹⁷ At the quarterly prioritization meeting on December 12, 2002, CR0896 was ranked #8 out of 21 change requests that were prioritized.

18 FCC Order 02-331, *BellSouth Florida/Tennessee Order*, WC Docket No. 02-307, at para. 116.

19 Id.

1		ALECs until a minimum of 34 weeks prior to the release implementation, and the
2		final requirements are not due until 15 weeks prior to implementation. There is
3		no evidence showing that BellSouth is predisposed to routinely or arbitrarily
4		changing feature requirements.
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6	Q.	HAS THE FCC FOUND BELLSOUTH'S TESTING ENVIRONMENT TO BE
7		SATISFACTORY?
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9	A.	The FCC has given multiple positive endorsements to BellSouth's testing
10		environments. ²⁰ An adequate testing environment is one of the requirements for
11		meeting Checklist Item 2, and I have already established that BellSouth is
12		compliant in that regard. In the BellSouth Multistate Order, 21 in paragraph 187,
13		the FCC found "that BellSouth's testing environments allow competing carriers
14		the means to successfully adapt their systems to changes in BellSouth's OSSno
15		party raises an issue in this proceeding that causes us to change this
16		determinationWe are thus able to conclude, as we did in the BellSouth
17		Georgia/Louisiana Order, that BellSouth's testing processes are adequate."
18		(Footnotes omitted).
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20		Moreover, in its more recent BellSouth Florida/Tennessee Order, 22 in paragraph
21		125 and footnote 424, the FCC further notes BellSouth's expansion and
22		improvement of the CAVE test bed "to ensure that the CAVE environment
23		mirrored the internal test environment and the production environment." In that

In its *Opinion* in Docket No. 960786B-TL, attached to its *Comments* to the FCC in support of BellSouth's Florida/Tennessee 271 Application, this Commission stated, at page 57, "We also note the positive steps BellSouth has taken to improve the functionality and availability of CAVE."

FCC Order No. 02-260, WC Docket No. 02-150, September 18, 2002.

FCC Order No. 02-331, WC Docket No. 02-307, December 19, 2002.

1		Order, the FCC addressed no specific ALEC complaints of a deficient CAVE
2		testing environment, as there were none in that proceeding.
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4	Q.	HOW SHOULD THIS COMMISSION VIEW DELTACOM'S COMPLAINT
5	1	ON THIS ISSUE?
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7	A.	Any attempt by DeltaCom to convince this Commission that the CCP's
8		prioritization process for this change request, or that the timeframe for
9		implementation of these change requests for enhanced functionality, is not in
10		accordance with the CCP should be discounted. Likewise, this Commission
11		should recognize that the submission of this issue for arbitration in this
12		proceeding is inappropriate and rule that any inclusion of language related to this
13		issue in the agreement is unnecessary.
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16	Issue	67: Availability of OSS
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18	Q.	DOES BELLSOUTH ADHERE TO ITS POLICY OF MAKING OSS
19		INTERFACES AND SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO ALECS ACCORDING TO
20		THE POSTINGS ON THE INTERCONNECTION WEBSITE?
21		
22	A.	It is BellSouth's policy to adhere to the operational hours and maintenance
23		windows posted for its OSS a year in advance on our website, and, barring
24		unforeseen events, we do so. There is no evidence to show that BellSouth is
25		predisposed to routinely or arbitrarily shut down the ALECs' – or, specifically

DeltaCom's – access to BellSouth's OSS, either during working hours or otherwise. BellSouth is aware of a single event in December 2002 that concerned DeltaCom, but even that single event does nothing to support a claim to the contrary. The concern aroused by that event simply reflects DeltaCom's inability to schedule its workforce when provided appropriate advance notification of justifiable changes to BellSouth's schedule, in accordance with the CCP process.

As this Commission can easily appreciate, BellSouth's wholesale support environment is heavily computer/software based, and it is not unusual for circumstances to arise that require deviations from that posted schedule. Most times, those circumstances are controllable. When a deviation becomes necessary, BellSouth provides notification – in advance – to the ALECs, advising them of the date, time, expected duration and reason for the change in schedule.

Unfortunately, systems also go down unexpectedly, and resulting downtime cannot be anticipated. The language proposed by DeltaCom is onerous and unrealistic, and simply does not allow BellSouth the flexibility to deal with unexpected situations, or make prudent business decisions that are in the best interest of both the ALEC community as a whole, and BellSouth. DeltaCom's proposed language reflects a knee-jerk reaction to that single event that was, in fact, no violation of BellSouth's obligation to provide nondiscriminatory access to its OSS, nor of its adherence to the posted system downtimes. BellSouth's proposed language allows flexibility for realistic operations, and protects the ALECs at the same time because it is a commitment to do what BellSouth already does.

1 While a release implementation is certainly not an emergency, neither did the 2 revised schedule for system downtime for this event fall into the 'unforeseen 3 events' category, as DeltaCom would have this Commission believe. This is 4 simply a case of BellSouth following the wishes of the ALEC community as a 5 whole – within the guidelines of the CCP – and being attacked for it. 6 DID BELLSOUTH SHUT DOWN ITS OSS DURING NORMAL WORKING 7 Q. HOURS WITHOUT CONSENT FROM THE ALECS, AS DELTACOM HAS 8 9 EXPRESSED DURING PAST DISCUSSIONS? 10 11 BellSouth absolutely did not shut down its OSS without the knowledge of, or the A. 12 proper notification to, the ALECs. In fact, the reason that BellSouth shut down the OSS at noon on December 27, 2002 was due to a decision made by the ALEC 13 community on a CCP conference call on November 4, 2002. 14 15 Because of concerns for the complexity of Release 11.0, BellSouth and the 16 17 ALECs discussed the merits of delaying the Release 11.0 from the original December 7, 2002 implementation date, and whether Release 11.0 should be 18 19 implemented during the weekend of December 28, 2002 (Option 1) or the 20 weekend of January 19, 2003 (Option 2). Following that conference call, an 21 ALEC vote favoring Option 1 determined that the implementation should occur 22 during the weekend of December 28, 2002 – a weekend between the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The minutes of the November 4, 2002 meeting, 23 24 confirming the ALECs' selection of Option 1 and DeltaCom's participation on that call, are attached as Exhibit RMP-4. 25

The final result was a successful implementation of Release 11.0. It should also be noted that one additional aspect of the decision for the ALECs was the anticipated light ALEC activity during the holiday season. If anything, it was BellSouth's employees who were inconvenienced with the selection of that date by the ALECs because they had to work during the holiday season.

Q. HOW SHOULD THIS COMMISSION ACT UPON THIS ISSUE?

21 A. This Commission should not address this issue in this arbitration, nor require
22 BellSouth to amend or in any way change the CCP guidelines regarding the
23 scheduling and posting of interface and system downtime. If this Commission is

scheduling and posting of interface and system downtime. If this Commission is

²³ According to the CCP guidelines (see Exhibit RMP-1, page 47, Step 10, item 3), "Software Release Notifications will be provided 30 calendar days or more in advance of the implementation date." If that release requires changes to system availability (as this release did), such information will also be provided in that notification (as it was for this release).

1		determined to address this issue in a Section 252 arbitration, then this
2		Commission should adopt BellSouth's language that reflects an effective process
3		that currently exists, is approved, and, most importantly, works.
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6	Q.	DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCLUDING COMMENTS?
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8	A!	Yes. As my testimony clearly reflects, it is BellSouth's position that none of the
9		OSS issues brought to this arbitration by DeltaCom belong here. The issues have
10		all been addressed previously by the FCC and the state regulatory authorities in
11		271 hearings and orders, and/or currently by the CCP's approved and compliant
12		regional process. This Commission should not be persuaded to allow DeltaCom
13		to use this arbitration to seek remedy for issues that are misplaced in a Section
14		252 negotiation. This concludes my testimony.

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VERSION CHANGE HISTORY

This section lists changes made to the baseline Change Control Process document since the last issue. New versions of this document may be obtained via BellSouth's Change Control website at: www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/ccp_live/ccp.html

Version	Issue Date	Section Revised	Reason for Revision	
1.0	04/19/98		Initial issue.	
1.2	02/28/00	All	The EICCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate: • Multiple Change Request Types (CLEC Initiated, BST Initiated, Industry Standards, Regulatory and System Outages) • Incorporated manual process • Defined cycle times for process intervals and notifications • Defect Notification process • Escalation Process • Modified Change Control forms to support process changes • Changed EICCP to CCP	
1.3	03/14/00	All	 The CCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate: Type 6 Change Request, CLEC Impacting Defect Increased number of participants at Change Review Meetings Changed cycle time for Types 2-5, Step 3 from 20 days to 15 days Defined Step 4 of the Defect Notification process to include communicating the workaround to the CLEC community Web Site address for Change Control Process Notification regarding the Retirement and Introduction of new interfaces New status codes for Defect Change Requests New status codes: 'S' for Scheduled Change Requests and 'I' for Implemented Change Requests (Types 2-5 Change Requests) Removed reference to EDI Helpdesk. Electronic Communications Support (ECS) will be the first point of contact for Type 1 System Outages Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document. 	
1.4	04/12/00	All	The CCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate: Type 1 and 6 Notifications will be communicated to CLECs via e-mail and web posting Step 3 Cycle Time (Types 2-5) changed from 15 business days to 20 business days Verbiage to Step 10 (Types 2-5) regarding BellSouth presenting baseline requirements	

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	,	,	•	Introduction and Retirement of New Interfaces Section Dispute Resolution Process Testing Environment Section Word changes to provide clarification throughout th document Monthly Status Meeting Agenda Template RF1870 Change Request Form changes
1.5	04/26/00	Section 1	•	Updated CCP web site address
		Section 8	•	Updated Escalation Contacts for Types 2-6
		Section 11	•	Added definitions for Account Team and Electronic Communications Support (ECS)
1.6	07/20/00	Section 1	•	Added "testing" under process changes
•	,	Section 2	•	Clarification provided in "Change Review Participants" description
		Section 4	•	Added statement regarding submittal of Change Requests
		Part 2	•	Clarification provided for documentation changes for Business Rules Step 2 – Added email notification Step 3 – Removed "Cancellation by BellSouth" Step 3 – Clarification on reject reasons
		Section 5	•	Step 3 – Clarification on internal validation activities Step 4 – Changed cycle time from 5 to 4 business days for developing workaround Added defect implementation range
		Section 6	•	Changed prioritization from "by interface" to "by category" Changed timeframe for receiving a Change Reque prior to a Change Review Meeting from 33 to 30 Business days Modified the prioritization voting rules
		Section 7	•	Updates to the Introduction and Retirement of Interfaces
		Section 8	•	Added Type 6 escalation turnaround time Changed 3 rd Level Escalation contacts for Types 2
		Section 11	•	Removed "Cancellation by BellSouth" and "Defect Canceled" definitions Removed "Cancellation by BellSouth" from Change Request Form and Checklist
		Appendix A	•	Added Letter of Intent Form
		Appendix C	•	Changes to the following forms: Preliminary Priorit List, CCP User Registration Form. Added the following forms: Defect Notification Sample, CR Log Legend
		Appendix D	•	Added BellSouth Versioning Policy
		All	•	Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document.

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2.0	08/23/00	Cover	Removed "Interim" from cover
		Section 3	 Updated Type 6 definition to incorporate new defect and expedited feature definitions.
		Section 5	 Replaced Section 5, Defect Notification Process wit a "Draft" Defect/Expedite Notification Process. Reduced the implementation interval for validated defects (High Impact) from 4-30 business days to 4- 25 business days, best effort.
		Section 10	 Added Internet Web sites for EDI and TAG Testing Guidelines
		Section 11 – Terms & Definitions	Updated definition for Defect. Added definitions for Expedited Feature, High, Medium and Low Impacts
		Appendix A	 Modified Change Request Forms (RF1870 and RF1872) to include email address for Change Control. Also added High, Medium and Low Assessment of Impact Levels.
		All	 Referenced the handling of expedites and expedite notification where appropriate.
2.1	02/09/01	Section 1 – Intro.	 Added new language to the 8th bulleted item — "including User Guides that support OSS systems currently within the scope of CCP" Added two new bulleted items dealing with the coordination of test agreements, and questions regarding existing documentation.
		Section 3 – Change Control Decision Process	 Added "language" for Types 2, 3, 4 & 5 – "Type xx changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process as discussed in Section 4, Part 3." Type 6 – CLEC Impacting Defects – Added new defect definition
		Section 4 – Part 1 Detail Process Flow	 Added #4 to the Activities – Step 1 Added additional sentence to Activity #1 – Step 2
		Section 4 – Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow	Added Activity # 5 – Step 4
		Section 4 – Part 3 – Expedited Feature Process	Added new Expedited Feature Process definition a flow
		Section 5 – Part 3 – Defect Process	 New Defect title page and definition Table 5-1 – Step 1 – Activity - #4 – Attach related requirements and specifications documents. These attachments must include the following, if appropriate.
			 Table 5-1 – Step 2 – Cycle Time – Replaced old cycle times with: 4 hrs for High Impact, 1 Bus Day f Medium and Low Impact Table 5-1 – Step 3 – Cycle Time – Replaced old
			cycle times with: 2 Bus days for High Impact, and 3

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			•	Bus Days for Medium and Low Impact Table 5-1 – Step 3 – Outputs – Added new bullet – "Status provided for High Impact Defects to originator via email within 24 hours" Table 5-1 – Step 4 – Activity – Added language to Activity #3and to the CLEC community via email and web posting. Table 5-1 – Step 4 – Cycle Time – Replaced old cycle times with: 2 Bus Days for High Impact and 4 Bus Days for Medium and Low Impact Table 5-1 – Step 5 – Activity – Added language to #1to the CLECs and BellSouth. Added language to Activity #2defect is implemented. Table 5-1 – Step 5 – Cycle Time – Replaced old cycle times to reflect: Validated High Impact Defects will be implemented within a 4-25 business day range, best effort. Medium Impact will be implemented within 90-bus days, best effort. Low Impact will be implemented best effort.
		Part 1 – Change Review – Prioritization – Release Package Development and Approval	•	Part 1 – Change Review Meeting – 4 th paragraph NOTE: Added language to address meetings would occur in March, June, September and December Part 2 – Change Review Meeting – 4 th bullet – Added new bullet –BellSouth's estimate of the size and scope of each Change Request Part 4 – Developing and Approving Release Packages – 1 st bulleted item: New language
		Section 7 – Introduction and Retirement of Interfaces	•	Retirement of Interfaces – 1 st paragraph sentence: New language Retirement of Versions – New language Retirement of Versions – Appeal language New Language for Type 6 High Impact Issues and Medium and Low Impact issues Types 2-6 Changes – 1 st paragraph – new language
		Section 8 – Escalation Process	•	Types 2-6 Changes – Contact List for High, Medium and Low Impact escalations
		Section 8 – Dispute Resolution Process	•	New definition language
		Appendix A	•	Updated CR form & checklist
		Appendix C	•	Updated RF1874 User Registration Form
2.1 A	02/15/01	All	•	Updated various sections of the document to change "language" from defect/expedite to defect and/or expedited features Changed reference from Section 9.0 to Section 11.0 — Terms and Definitions where appropriate Minor "cosmetic" changes throughout document
		Section 8	•	New 2 nd Level Escalation Contacts for Types 2-6
2.2	03/26/01	Section 3	•	Replaced "business or software requirements" with "user requirements" throughout definition

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tion 4

- Updated the "Type 1 System Outage" language to reflect the posting of outages via email within 15 minutes of verified outage
- Additional language for Step 3 Reviewing Change Request for Acceptance
- Additional language for Step 3 OBF issues
- Added word "preliminary" in Activity #5 of Step 4 Prepare for Change Review Meeting
- Additional language for Step 4 Prepare for Change Review Meeting – Sizing information
- Added activities #4 & #5 under Step 5 Conduct Change Review Meeting
- Updated activity #3 under Step 5 Conduct Change Review Meeting – Prioritization Meetings
- Updated Activities #4, #5, #7, & #8 under Step 8 Conduct Release Package Meeting including Inputs and Outputs.
- Updated the 1st bulleted statement in Step 9 Create Release Package Notification
- Added words "for software changes" in Activity #3 under Step 10 – Release Management and Implementation
- Updated Activity #4 in Step 5 Release Management and Implementation to clarify "associated with expedited features"... "if applicable"
- Added the words "submitted" to define the type of defect; the word "ordering" to define the type of enhancement; and the word "interface" to replace the words "product and services" throughout the definition of Expedited Feature – Part 3.
- Part 3 Expedited Feature Process Step 4 –
 Internal Change Management Process: Added the word "minor" to better identify the type of release that formerly was identified as "point". Also updated language in Cycle Time to reflect "case by case basis not to exceed 25 days."

Section 5

- Updated flow-chart Figure 5-1 Type 6 Process Flow to reflect agreed upon cycle times.
- Updated Title Page and Definition Defect Process 2nd paragraph – Added word "user" to identify type of requirements.
- Added additional bullets (#5 and #6) to Step 3 Type 6 Detail Process Flow – Internal Validation.
- Updated cycle times for High, Medium and Low Impact Defects in Step 3 – Internal Validation.
- Updated cycle times for High, Medium and Low Impact Defects in Step 4 – Develop and Validate Workaround.

Section 6

- Updated 1st paragraph in Part 1 Change Review Meeting to identify categories (pre-order/order, maintenance, manual and documentation, etc.)
- Added word "preliminary" to 4th bulleted statement in Part 2 – Change Review Package.
- Added new 4th bulleted item under Part 3 Prioritizing Voting Rules.
- Updated 6th bulleted statement under Part 3 –

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			•	Prioritizing Voting Rules to reverse the forced ranking to read (1 to N, with 1 being the highest) Added new 7 th bulleted item under Part 3 — Prioritizing Voting Rules to add the words "or have little value to the CLEC". Updated the language for the "Introduction of New Interfaces".
		Section 7	•	Updated 1 st paragraph – 1 st sentence under "Retirement of Interfaces".
•		Section 8	•	Added new 7 th bulleted item under the "Escalation Process – Guidelines" to specify the time allowed for a status for Type 6 High Impact and Medium and Low Impact issues. Added new 8 th bulleted item under the "Escalation Process – Guidelines" to specify the time allowed for a status for Types 2-5 Expedited Feature Process issues. Removed the entire section under the "Contact List for Escalation – Types 2-6 Changes" since duplication exists under "Guidelines".
		Section 9	•	Updated the entire section under "Changes to the Process" with new language.
		Appendix	•	Added a new section in the Appendix to define the "Sub-Team Definition and Roles/Responsibilities". Added a new section in the Appendix to give a "Sample" Voting Ballot
2.3	05/18/01	Section 4	•	Updated Step 3, Activity #3, first "bulleted" item to identify a "CLEC" training issue. Updated Step 5, Activity #7 to remove reference to 'CRC' status. Updated Step 7, Activity #1 to remove "criteria established by the Internal Change Management Process" language.
		Section 5	•	Added separate section (5.2) to document the flow for Documentation Defects.
2.4	07/02/01	Section 4	•	Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 6 – Document Change Review Meeting Results – Cycle Time – 5 days Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 7 – Internal Change Management Process – Cycle Time – Quarterly Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 7 – Internal Change Management Process – Activity 2 "Sizing and Sequencing of prioritized change requests" Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 8 – Conduct Release Package Meeting – Activity 4 Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 8 – Conduct Release Package Meeting – Cycle Time – Major and Minor Releases Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 10 – Release Management and Implementation – Activity 4 – Major Releases – Draft User Requirements Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 10 – Release Management and Implementation – Activity

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- 4 Major Releases Final User Requirements
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Major Releases Final Specs
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 Release Management and Implementation – Activity 4 – Major Releases – Business Rules
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Industry Releases Notification
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity 4 Industry Releases Draft User Requirements
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Industry Releases Final User Requirements
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Industry Releases Final EDI Specs
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Industry Releases Business Rules
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Minor Releases Draft User Requirements
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Minor Releases Final User Requirements
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Minor Releases Final Specs
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Activity
 4 Minor Releases Business Rules
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 Release Management and Implementation – Adding sub-process activity #5
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 Release Management and Implementation – Activity #5
- Part 2 Types 2-5 Process Flow Step 10 –
 Release Management and Implementation Outputs Adding four (4) bulleted items

Section 6

- Part 3 Expedited Feature Process Step 3 Review Change Request for Acceptance
- Part 2 Change Review Package Adding bulleted statement "Schedule of releases"
- Part 4 Developing and Approving Release
 Packages Defining by release when the evaluation
 and analyzing Candidate Change Requests will take
 place.

Section 10

- Part 4 Developing and Approving Release Packages – Defining what will occur during the Release Package meeting.
- Testing Environment Adding "Language" to define "testing opportunities".

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		Terms and Definitions	Updated Release definitions
		Appendix	Added Appendix G – Customer Notifications
2.5	07/18/01	Section 9	 Removed "BellSouth" from voting language (associated with CR0411)
		Section 8	 Updated 1st point of contact for escalating Type 1 system outage process.
2.6	09/10/01	Section 4	 Part 2, Step 3, Changing Cycle time to 10 Business Days for Reviewing Change Request for Acceptance Part 2, Step 7, Changing Cycle time to 25 Business Days for Conducting Release Package Meeting FL PSC Docket No. 000731-TP, Order # PSC-01-1402 FOF-TP
			 Part 3, Step 3, Changing Cycle time to 20 Business Days for Reviewing Change Request for Acceptance
		Section 5	 Step 3, Changing Cycle time to 1 Business Day for High Impact Step 4, Changing Cycle time to 1 Business Day for developing Workaround for High Impact Defects Step 4, Changing Cycle time to 2 Business Days for developing Workaround for Medium Impact Defects Step 5, Changing Cycle time to 10 Business Days, best effort. FL PSC Docket No. 000731-TP, Order # PSC-01-1402 FOF-TP
2.7	12/07/01	Section 3	 Type 1 System Outage – Changing "language" to clarify when BellSouth will post the system outage t the web and notify the CLECs via Email.
·		Section 4	 Part 1 – Tables 4-1 & 4-2 (Step 2) - Type 1 System Outage – Changing "language" to clarify when BellSouth will post the system outage to the web ar notify the CLECs via Email.
		Section 6	Adding new rules for "Remote Prioritization Voting"
		Section 7	 Adding "language" to better clarify when Software versions are retired.
2.8	03/15/02	Section 4	 Add "Between Steps 3 & 4" of the flowchart: Pendit Change Requests – BST Preliminary Feature Sizing Model Add (Oval Textbox): 30 bus days allowed to complet preliminary feature sizing model prior to Quarterly prioritization meeting. Add note after Step 3 and before Step 4: NOTE: 30 business days allowed to complete preliminary feature sizing model on pending change requests. Step 4, #5 will change to read as follows: (BCCM) 5 Provide Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scop information on each pending change requests to CLECs. Add new bullet in the INPUTS section for BST Preliminary Feature Sizing Model Change the third bullet in the OUTPUTS section to read as BST Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and

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•	scope on each Pending change request. Step 5, #3 add language to read: BellSouth presents the Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scope of each change request. See Appendix H for information to be provided. BellSouth presents the number of major releases and dates targeted for the next 12 months. Change the last bullet in the INPUTS section to read: Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scope on each pending change request.
•	In the definition, the third paragraph will read: The Change Request Log will be distributed 5-7 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting. Change Requests must be accepted and in "Pending" status at least 30 business days in advance of the distribution of the Change Review Package to assure completion of the Preliminary Feature Sizing Model. Other Change Requests, placed in pending status after the 30 business days cutoff will also be available for prioritization but may not have the Preliminary Feature Sizing Model information. Changed the "language" of the 4 th bulleted item under Part 2: Change Review Package — BellSouth's Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scope of each Change Request (See Appendix H for information to be provided)
•	Added new Appendix H: Preliminary Feature Sizing Model for CCP Prioritization Planning
•	Added "the development and" in the first paragraph and associated footnotes. Added "and documentation" in the 2 nd paragraph. Added the proper point of contacts for the coordination of test agreements and questions regarding existing documentation Added objective "timely and effective implementation of feature and defect change requests"
•	Added language under the Change Review Participants section to reflect that a LCSC and IT representative will participate in CCP meetings. Updated CCCM section to reflect that the CCCM is the individual CLEC point of contact
•	Added "Notification" after Type 1 – System Outage Replaced "change request" with "outage report" on Type 1
•	Type 1 Process Flow – Step 4, Activity 4 – ECS will provide the CLEC with a trouble ticket number unless the CLEC caller prefers not to obtain one. Step 3, Inputs – added "email to CCP distribution"
•	Types 2-5 Process Flow – Step 3, Note regarding BST's reason will be provided in writing on the change request if a request cannot be accepted.

change request if a request cannot be accepted.
Added note between Steps 3 and 4 to reflect there is

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		•	a 30 business day process operating in parallel in which BST completes its preliminary feature sizing model on pending change requests. Step 8, Activity 6, removed "if possible". Step 10, Activity 4, re-designation of "major release" as "production release" and elimination of "minor release"
	Section 4 – Part 3	•	Removed the word "ordering" in the expedited feature process Step 3, Note, BST reason will be provided in writing on the updated change request if cannot be supported.
	Section 6	•	Removed Type 3 from the Prioritization Voting Rules
	Section 7	•	Added that BST will introduce "the development and implementation of business requirements and functionality for" new interfaces. Word changes in 1 st paragraph regarding introduction of new interfaces. Added in 1 st paragraph that BST will proactively seek, consider and respond to CLEC comments and requests for enhancements to the specifications. Added that BST will maintain an ongoing matrix of current and retired software versions in the monthly CCP meetings
	Section 8	•	Wording changes to the Dispute Resolution process and added third bullet to reflect that the impacted CLEC has option to provide notice of any mediations or formal complaints to CCP participants.
	Section 9	•	Revised Change Control Process voting from a five- step to a three-step continuum
	Section 10	•	Added LENS to the Definition section. Added language that BST will identify the process for testing the new release in CAVE and will provide a New Release Testing Schedule
	Section 11	•	Updated definition of CLEC Affecting Change and added footnote. Removed "Appeal" under "Change Request Status definition
	Appendix A	•	Updated Change Request Form to remove "Appeal" (Attachment A-1) Updated Change Request Form Checklist to remove "Appeal" (Attachment A-1A) Updated Change Request Clarification Response (Attachment A-2) Updated Change Request Clarification Checklist (Attachment A-2A)
	Appendix I	•	Added Appendix I – Monitoring and Reporting Post-Release Capacity Utilization
5/1/02			
	Section 1	•	2 nd paragraph – changed "business" to "operational". 2 nd paragraph – added sentence, "Parties agree to discuss the need for deviation from the process

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ection 3	•	Added to

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o System Outage Notification paragraph: A log of all outages will be posted to the CCP website on a monthly basis.

should such need arise.

- Added "With mutual consent by the participants", Type 2 changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.
- Added "With mutual consent by the participants", Type 3 changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section
- Added "With mutual consent by the participants", Type 5 changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.
- Added under Type 6-CLEC Impacting Defects -High Impact, "Correction of high impact defects will occur within 10 business days following the date upon which BST's defect validation process is scheduled to complete".

Section 4.0 -Part 1

- Added note after Step 5 "A log of all outages will be posted to the CCP website on a monthly basis."
- Add to Step 3 Outputs & Step 4 Inputs: EC Support will provide a status update, via web and email, when the status changes.

Section 4.0 -Part 2

Step 3 - Removed the note regarding OBF issues.

Section 4.0 -Part 3

- Expedited Feature Process Removed the word "minor" -- "The CLEC/BellSouth will be required to give impacts and the consequences for not implementing the feature in the current, or next release, best effort."
- Expedited Feature Process Step 4 Removed the word "minor" - "The CLEC/BellSouth will be required to give impacts and the consequences for not implementing the feature in the current, or next release, best effort."

Section 5.0

Added under High Impact, "Correction of high impact defects will occur within 10 business days following the date upon which BST's defect validation process is scheduled to complete".

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- Step 5 spelled out the word "business"
- Step 6, Activity #2, added the following note: In the event correction of the defect may potentially cause the CLECs to perform coding or business procedure changes, BellSouth will provide notification and appropriate documentation with the release notification.
- Step 6, Activity #2, Outputs, added: Documentation of potential CLEC coding/process changes.

Section 7.0

1st paragraph, word changes to the last sentence to

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					read: "As new interfaces, within the scope of CCP, are deployed, they will be added to the scope of this document and all subsequently requested changes will be managed by this process.
			Section 8.0	•	Added the following bullet for Escalation Cycle for Types 2-6 changes: BST will provide updates to the CLEC when the status changes.
			Section 10.0	•	Changed "Account Team" to "CLEC Care EC/OSS Support Team"
,				•	Changed "Account Team" to "BST CLEC Care Organization" for BFR. Added note under Change Request status: "BST will respond within seven (7) business days to a CLEC's request for clarification of a specific BellSouth response to a change request. Removed "Appeal" status from Defect Status. Removed "minor" from last sentence under Expedited Feature.
			Appendix C	•	Updated "Preliminary Priority List" – changed "N" to "1"
				•	Updated Change Control Process –CR LOG Legend
			Appendix E	•	Added the following sentence: "The Sub-Team leader or representative will participate in each Monthly CCP Status Meeting occurring during the life of the Sub-Team.
	., 3.1	5/29/02	Appendix H	•	Added the definitions corresponding to Appendix H-Preliminary Feature Sizing Model
			Page 2	•	Replaced 1 st sentence to reflect that changes to the CCP as described in this document will only be made with the concurrence of the CCP participants or as directed by a State Public Service Commission.
				•	3rd paragraph – Added "Examples of changes to which the CCP will apply include, but are limited to" Added "Interfaces of Gateways" title. Added "Legacy Systems" and footnote Added "Work Centers" For the type of changes handled by this process, added billing: Processes (i.e., electronic interfaces and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance, billing and testing) Added bullet: Changes to Legacy Systems that arise from the interface or gateway transactions. Added bullet regarding the scope of CCP does not include the following: Requests for changes to billing functions and systems that require modifications of industry standards will be handled through the appropriate national forum, for example, the OBF or CABS BOS TRG.
			Section 4 Part 2	•	Added "and CCCM" to Step 10, Activity 2.
			Section 4 Part 3	•	Added "and CCCM" to Step 5, Activity 2.

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		Section 7	 Changed "120" to "180" for advance notification BST will provide when software versions of a specific interface are retired/expired.
		Appendix J	 Added Appendix J – Changes to Legacy/Backend Systems for Pre-Ordering, Ordering, Provisioning, Maintenance, Billing and Repair or wholesale work center operations.
3.2	7/29/02		
		Section 1	 Cosmetic change - changed "Tapestry" to "Integrated Billing Solutions" under the Legacy System List.
		Section 2	Removed reference to quarterly technical meetings.
		Section 3	Added "billing" in Type 4 and 5 definitions.
		Section 4, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 5	 Added technical issues as a standing agenda item for the monthly CCP meetings. Included note that CLECs should submit technical questions/issues to Change Control at least two weeks in advance of the Monthly Meeting.
		Section 8	 Revised Escalation Contact List for Types 2-6 changes.
		Appendix C	 Updated Monthly Status Meeting Agenda template to include the discussion of technical issues.
3.3	10/04/02	Section 3.0 – Type 4.0 Definition	 Added that the implementation of Type 4 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change. FL PSC Order # PSC- 02-1094-PAA-TP
		Section 3.0 – Type 5.0 Definition	 Added that the implementation of Type 5 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change. FL PSC Order # PSC- 02-1094-PAA-TP
		Section 3.0 – Type 6 Definition	 Updated Type 6 Definition to include new Severity Levels Updated defect intervals. FL PSC Order # PSC-02- 0989-PAA-TP/Docket #000121A-TP
		Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 5	 Added "for CLEC Production Releases" after Prioritization Meetings heading. FL PSC Order #PSC-02-1034-FOF-TP.
		Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 7	Added "CLEC Production" to Activity 2. FL PSC Order #PSC-02-1034-FOF-TP
		Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 7	 Added Activity 3 to reflect that the implementation of Type 4 and Type 5 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change. FL PSC Order # PSC-02-1094-PAA-TP
		Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 8	 Cycle Time changed to reflect the Release Package Meeting will be held for Production Releases 36 weeks prior to production
		Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 10	Added Table 4-4: Intervals for 2003 Releases

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	Section 5.0, Definition	 Updated Type 6 Definition to include new Severity Levels Updated defect intervals FL PSC Order #PSC-02 0989-PAA-TPIDocket #000121A-TP
	Section 5.0, Figure 5.1	 Updated Figure 5.1 to include new Severity Levels Updated defect intervals FL PSC Order #PSC-02 0989-PAA-TP/Docket #000121A-TP
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	Section 5.0 Table 5-1, Step 3	 Cycle Time - Updated to add new interval associated with Severity Level 3 FL PSC Order #PSC-02-0989-PAA-TPIDocket #000121A-TP
	Section 5.0 Table 5-1, Step 4	 Cycle Time - Updated to add new interval associated with Severity Level 4 FL PSC Order #PSC-02-0989-PAA-TPIDocket #000121A-TP
	Section 5.0 Table 5-1, Step 5	 Cycle Time - Updated to add new intervals associated with Severity 2-4 defects FL PSC Order #PSC-02-0989-PAA-TPIDocket #000121A-TP
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	Section 6.0, Part 4	 Added Forecast and Planning Information. FL PSC Order #PSC-02-1034-FOF-TP
	Section 8.0 Contact List for Escalations 2- 6	Updated Contact List for Escalation for Types 2-6 .
	Section 10.0	 Replaced Testing Environment section with new language
	Section 11.0 Terms and Definitions	 Included new Severity Level definitions for defects Included new defect intervals FL PSC Order # PSC-02-0989-PAA-TP/Docket #000121A-TP
	Section 3.0 – Type 5.0 Definition	 Added that the implementation of Type 5 changes w occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change. FL PSC Order # PSC- 02-1094-PAA-TP
11/01/02	Section 1.0 – Introduction –	Removed BIBS - BellSouth Industrial Billing System - replaced by IBS - Integrated Billing Solutions

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		Legacy Systems	
		Section 4.0 – Part 2 - Types 2-5 Process Flow	 Added new Status code "R" for Rejected Change Requests in Step 3, sub-section 3. Added new Status code "R" in outputs for Step 3.
		Section 4.0 – Part 3 - Expedited Features	 Added new Status code "R" for Rejected Change Requests in Step 3, sub-section 3. Added new Status code "R" in outputs for Step 3.
		Section 11.0 - Terms and Conditions	Added new Change Request Status of "R" for Rejected Change Requests.
3.5	2/3/03	Section 2.0- Change Control Process	 Added "for scheduling CLEC Production Releases" 3rd paragraph under Change Review Participants. GPSC Docket #7892-U
		Section 3.0 – Change Control Decision Process	 Added to Type 2 – Regulatory Change: "When the mandate does not include a specific implementation date the intervals described below for the implementation of Type 4 and Type 5 changes will apply." Added to Type 4 – BellSouth Initiated Change, 2nd paragraph regarding the implementation of change in the CLEC Production Releases. Added to Type 4 – BellSouth Initiated Change, 3rd paragraph – "With mutual consent by the participan Type 4 changes within the CLEC Production Releases may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process". Added to Type 5 – CLEC Initiated Change that the implementation of Type 5 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization unless negotiated extended implementation interval has been agreed to. Added to Type 5 – CLEC Initiated Change - 2nd paragraph regarding the implementation of change in the CLEC Production Releases. GPSC Docket #7892-U
		Section 4.0 – Change Control Process Flow	 1st sentence –changed "expedited features" to "exceptions". Updated diagram to replace "expedited feature" to "Exception". GPSC Docket #7892-U
		Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process Flow, Step 4, Activity 5 (BCCM)	 Added language regarding that sizing is expresse in units and included the definition of a release cychour. GPSC Docket #7892-U
		Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process Flow, Step 4,	 Added the following sentence to Step 4, after Activity 3 (CCCM): "CLECs will be notified of release capacity units and units assigned per CR. GPSC Docket #7892-U

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(CCCM)	: •
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Inputs	 Updated 4th bullet to read "BST Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and full release capacity" GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 5, Activity 3	 Updated Activity 3 associated with BST presenting the number of production releases and dates targeted to reflect 60 weeks (14 months) and total capacity units of each Release. GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 5, Activity 6	 Updated Activity 6 to reflect the CLECs' prioritization will be used for the order of implementation into CLEC Production Release. The order of implementation may be altered only with CLEC concurrence. GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 5, Activity 6, Outputs	Added bullet: Assignment of Candidate Change Requests to future releases GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 6 – Inputs	Added bullet: Prioritized Assignments to Future Releases GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 7 – Activity 2	 Updated Activity #2 to reflect: "Sizing and sequencing of prioritized change requests will begin with the top priority items and continue down through the list." GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 7 – Activity 3	 Updated Activity #3 regarding the implementation of changes in CLEC Production Releases. Added paragraph under Activity #3 regarding the CLECs' prioritization will be used for order of implementation into CLEC Production Release. GPSC Docket #7892-U
Section 4.0 – Part 2: Types 2-5 Process, Step 10 – Activity 4	 Added to Activity #4 – "The estimated units of effort will be provided via Appendix H." GPSC Docket #7892-U

Activity 4

Section 4.0 -Part 3:

Exception Feature **Process**

Section 4.0 -Part 3: Exception Feature Process

Added "Applicable to CLEC Production Releases" at end of 2nd bullet under Expedited Feature definition. GPSC Docket #7892-U

paragraph regarding an exception.

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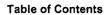
Section 3.0 -04/17/03 3.6 Change

Type 2-Regulatory Change added 60-week interval and the Negotiated Extended Implementation

Added new header "Exception Feature Process" and

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Control Decision	Interval.
Process – Definitions	(Change was made to add clarification re the implementation of such changes)
Section 3.0 – Change Control Decision Process – Definitions	Type 4-BellSouth Initiated Change added the Negotiated Extended Implementation Interval
Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 4 Outputs	Added Appendix I-A
Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 5 Inputs	Added Appendix I-A
Section 4.0, Part 2: Types 2-5, Step 5 Outputs	Added Appendix I-A, if the information changes
Section 6.0, Part 5	 Added that BellSouth will present the number of production releases to reflect 60-weeks (14-months) GPSC Docket #7892-U

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the process by which BellSouth Telecommunications (BST) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) will manage requested changes to the BellSouth Local Interfaces, the development and introduction of new interfaces¹, and provide for the identification and resolution of issues related to Change Requests. This process will cover Change Requests that affect external users² of BellSouth's Electronic Interface Applications, associated manual process improvements and documentation, performance or ability to provide service including defect/expedite notification. This process shall be referred to as the Change Control Process.

All parties should recognize that deviations from this process might be warranted where unanticipated circumstances arise such that strict application of these guidelines may not result in their intended purpose. Furthermore, deviations may be required due to specific regulatory and operational requirements. Parties agree to discuss the need for deviation from the process should such need arise. Parties shall provide appropriate web notification to the CLEC/BST Change Control Team participants prior to deviating from the processes established within this document. All parties will comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

Examples of changes to which the Change Control Process will apply include, but are not limited to, change requests for the following interfaces and associated manual processes that have the potential to impact the interfaces connected to BellSouth:

Interfaces or Gateways

LENS - Local Exchange Navigation System

EDI - Electronic Data Interchange

TAG - Telecommunications Access Gateway

TAFI - Trouble Administration Facilitation Interface

EC-TA - Electronic Communications Trouble Administration Local

CSOTS - CLEC Service Order Tracking System

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¹ The procedures described in this document apply to all three groupings of the components of "interfaces" as described by the FCC. These include (1) a point of interface (or gateway); (2) any electronic or manual processing links (transmission links) between the interface and BellSouth's internal operations systems (including all necessary back office systems and personnel); and (3) all of the internal operations support systems (or "legacy systems") that BellSouth uses in providing network elements and resale services to competing carriers. Refer to Section 7.0, Introduction of New Interfaces, for further definition of development.

² The definition of "CLEC Affecting Changes" is provided in Section 11, Terms and Definitions, below.



<u>Linkages</u>

LEO – Local Exchange Ordering LESOG – Local Exchange Service Order Generator LNP Gateway – Local Number Portability Gateway LAUTO – Local Number Portability Automation

SGG - ServiceGate Gateway

- SOG Service Order Generator
- DOM Delivery Order Manager

Legacy Systems³

SOCS – Service Order Communications System LMOS – Loop Maintenance Operations System

RSAG - Regional Street Address Guide

ATLAS – Application for Telephone Number Load Administration & Selection

LFACS - Loop Facilities Assignment & Control System

CRIS - Customer Records Information System

CABS - Carrier Access Billing System

IBS - Integrated Billing Solutions

WFA - Work Force Administration

Work Centers

LCSC – Local Carrier Service Center CWINS – Customer Wholesale Interconnection Network Services

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³ Legacy System Releases that may impact CLECs and work center operational changes listed in the table above will be posted on the Web. See Appendix J for Legacy Systems Release/Work Center Form.



The types of changes that will be handled by this process are as follows:

- Software
- Hardware
- Industry Standards
- Product and Services (i.e., new services available via the in-scope interface)
- New or Revised Edits
- Process (i.e., electronic interfaces and manual processes relative to order, preorder, maintenance, billing and testing)
- Changes to Legacy Systems that arise from the interface or gateway transactions
- Regulatory
- Documentation (i.e., business rules for electronic and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance, including User Guides that support OSS systems currently within the scope of CCP)
- Defects
- Expedited Features

The scope of the Change Control Process *does not* include the following, which are handled through existing BellSouth processes:

- BonaFide Requests (BFR)
- Production Support (i.e., adding new users to existing interfaces, existing users requesting first time use of existing BST functionality)
- Contractual Agreements
- Collocation
- Requests for changes to billing functions and systems that require modifications
 of industry standards will be handled through the appropriate national forum, for
 example, the OBF or CABS BOS TRG
- Coordination of test agreements will continue to be supported by the CLEC Care EC/OSS Support Team as indicated at
 - www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/contact/index.html
- Questions regarding existing documentation should be handled by the CLEC Care organization as indicated at
 - www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/contact/index.html
 - However, if documentation needs to be changed for clarification purposes, a defect change request should be submitted through Change Control.

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Objectives of the Change Control Process:

- Timely and effective implementation of feature and defect change requests
- Support the Industry guidelines that impact Electronic Interfaces and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance, and billing as appropriate
- Ensure continuity of business processes and systems operations
- Establish process for communicating and managing changes
- Allow for mutual impact assessment and resource planning to manage and schedule changes
- Capability to prioritize requested changes

The minimum requirements for participation in the Change Control Process electronically are:

- Word 6.0 or greater
- Excel 5.0 or greater
- Internet E-mail address
- Web access

The web site address for the Change Control Process is as follows:

http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/ccp_live/index.html



2.0 CHANGE CONTROL ORGANIZATION

The Change Control organizational structure supports the Change Control Process. Each position within the organization has defined roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Change Control Process Flow – Section 4 of this document. Identified positions, along with associated roles and responsibilities are as follows:

Change Review Participants

Representatives from Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) and BellSouth. This team meets to review, prioritize, and make recommendations for Candidate Change Requests.

A representative of the Local Carrier Service Center (LCSC) and IT will participate in CCP meetings. The appropriate SMEs and Project Managers will participate as needed.

The Candidate Change Requests are used as input to the Internal Change Management Processes (refer to process Step 7 for Types 2-5 changes) for scheduling CLEC Production Releases.

CLECs and BellSouth will define points of contact in each of their companies for communicating and coordinating change notifications. All change requests are made in writing (e-mail is preferred). Notifications will be provided via e-mail and posted to the BellSouth web site.

Each company may bring the number of participants necessary to represent their position. If the number of participants grows to be unmanageable, CLECs and BellSouth will revisit the issue of representation to apply some restrictions.

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

The BCCM is responsible for managing the Change Control Process and is the main point of contact for Types 2-6 changes. This individual maintains the integrity of the Change Requests, prepares for and facilitates the Change Review Meetings, presents the Pending Change Requests to the BST Internal Change Management Process, and ensures that all Notifications are communicated to the appropriate parties.

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⁴ Where necessary, this is to include BellSouth's authorized representatives.



CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM)

The CCCM is the individual CLEC point of contact for Change Requests. This individual is responsible for presenting and prioritizing their company's Change Requests at the Change Review Meetings.

Release Management Project Team

A team of CLEC and BellSouth Project Managers who manage the implementation of scheduled changes and releases.

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3.0 CHANGE CONTROL DECISION PROCESS

Change Requests will be classified by Type. There are six Types:

Type 1 – System Outage Notification⁵

A Type 1 change is a BellSouth System Outage. A System Outage is where the system is totally unusable or there is degradation in an existing feature or functionality within the interface. BellSouth has 15 minutes to notify the CLECs via e-mail and web posting once the Help Desk has verified the existence of an outage having a duration of 20 minutes or greater. Either BellSouth or a CLEC may initiate the outage report. Type 1 system outages will be processed on an expedited basis. All Type 1 System Outages will be reported to the Electronic Communications Support (ECS) Help Desk. A Type 1 System Outage is a condition where the CLEC Pre-Orders/Orders/Queries/Maintenance Requests cannot be submitted or will not be accepted by BellSouth. A log of all outages will be posted to the CCP website on a monthly basis.

Type 2 – Regulatory Change

Any non-Type 1 change to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems mandated by regulatory or legal entities, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a state commission/authority, or state and federal courts are Type 2 changes. Regulatory changes are not voluntary but are requisite to comply with newly passed legislation, regulatory requirements, or court rulings. While timely compliance is required, the systems requirements and methodology to achieve compliance are usually discretionary and within the scope of change management. Either BellSouth or a CLEC may initiate the change request. When the mandate does not include a specific implementation date the 60-week interval will apply unless a Negotiated Extended Implementation Interval has been agreed to. The clock will begin after the next prioritization meeting. With mutual consent by the participants, Type 2 changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.

Type 3 – Industry Standard Change

Any non-Type 1 change to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems required to bring these interfaces in line with newly agreed upon telecommunications industry guidelines are Type 3 changes. Either BellSouth or a CLEC may initiate the change request. With mutual consent by the participants, Type 3 changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.

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⁵ Type 1 – System outages are not in fact "change requests" but are managed within the CCP for convenience.



Type 4 – BellSouth Initiated Change

Any non-Type 1 change affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems which BellSouth desires to implement on its own accord. These changes might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business processes. These type changes might also include issues for Pre-Orders, Orders, Oueries, Billing and Maintenance Requests that can be submitted and accepted, but may require clarification. This classification does not include changes imposed upon these interfaces by third parties such as regulatory bodies (which are Type 2 Changes) or standards organizations (which are Type 3 Changes). The implementation of Type 4 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change.

Prioritization ranking and BellSouth preliminary feature sizing model information will be used to sequence the implementation of changes in the CLEC Production Releases that will occur during the 60-week interval unless a Negotiated Extended Implementation Interval has been agreed to. The prioritization ranking provides the CLEC's evaluation of the relative business value/urgency of the change and the sizing information provides the relative estimated anticipated work effort required.

With mutual consent by the participants, Type 4 changes within the CLEC Production Releases may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section 4.0, Part 3.

Type 5 – CLEC Initiated Change

Any non-Type 1 change affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems which the CLEC requests BellSouth to implement is a Type 5 change. These changes might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business processes. These type changes might also include issues for Pre-Orders, Orders, Queries, Billing and Maintenance Requests that can be submitted and accepted, but may require clarification. This classification does not include changes imposed upon these interfaces by third parties such as regulatory bodies (which are Type 2 Changes) or standards organizations (which are Type 3 Changes). The implementation of Type 5 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change, unless a Negotiated Extended Implementation Interval has been agreed to. With mutual consent by the participants, Type 5 changes may be managed using the Expedited Feature Process, as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.

Prioritization ranking and BellSouth preliminary feature sizing model information will be used to sequence the implementation of changes in the CLEC Production Releases that will occur during the 60-week interval. The prioritization ranking provides the CLEC's evaluation of the relative business value/urgency of the change and the sizing information provides the relative estimated anticipated work effort required.



Type 6 – CLEC Impacting Defects

A Type 6 defect request is any non-Type 1 change that corrects problems discovered in production versions of an application interface. These problems are where the interface is not working in accordance to the BellSouth baseline user requirements or the business rules that BellSouth has published or otherwise provided to the CLECs. In addition, if functional requirements agreed upon by BellSouth and the CLECs, results in inoperable functionality, even though software user requirements and business rules match; this will be addressed as a defect.

These problems typically affect the CLEC's ability to exchange transactions with BellSouth and may include documentation that is in error, has missing information or is unclear in nature.

Type 6 validated defects may not be managed using the Expedited Feature Process as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.

Defect Change Requests will be assigned one of the following severity levels for the purpose of prioritizing the development of a software correction (excluding documentation defects):

- Severity 1 <u>Critical</u> Problem results in a complete system outage and/or is detrimental to the majority of the development and/or testing efforts. (**Note**: Severity 1 defects that are discovered in "production" will be classified as a Type 1 System Outage)
- Severity 2 <u>Serious</u> System functionality is degraded with serious adverse impact to the users and there is not an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 2 defects will occur within 10 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.
- Severity 3 Moderate System functionality is degraded with a moderate adverse impact to the users but there is an effective workaround. Correction of Severity 3 defects will occur within 30 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.
- Severity 4 <u>Cosmetic</u> There is no immediate adverse impact to the users. Correction of Severity 4 defects will occur within 45 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.

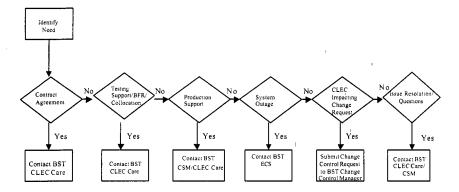
The CLEC and/or BellSouth may initiate these types of changes affecting interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems. These type changes might also include issues for Pre-Orders, Orders, Queries,



and Maintenance Requests that can be submitted and accepted, but may require workarounds or clarification.

Figure 3-1 – Change Control Decision Process

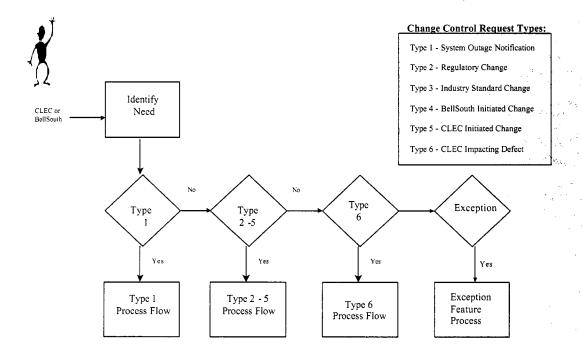
Shows the top-level process that will be used to evaluate Change Requests. The BellSouth CLEC Care Organization will handle BFR requests and production support issues. Enhancements, defects and expedited features will be handled through the Change Control Process.





4.0 CHANGE CONTROL PROCESS FLOW

The following three (3) sub-sections describe the process flows for typical Type 1 through Type 5 changes, including exceptions. Each sub-section will describe the cycle times for an activity and document accountability, sub-process activities, inputs and outputs for each step in the process. Section 5 of this document describes the process flow for Type 6 changes. Based on the categorization of the request, the following diagram will help guide a CLEC or BellSouth representative to the appropriate process flow based on Change Control Request Type:





Part 1: Type 1 System Outage Process Flow

Figure 4-2: Type 1 Process Flow

Figure 4-2 provides the process flow for resolving a typical Type 1 – System Outage. The Electronic Communications Support (ECS) Group will work with the CLEC community to resolve and communicate information about system outages in a timely manner – actual cycle times are documented in Table 4-1 and the sub-process steps. The ECS Helpdesk number is 888-462-8030.

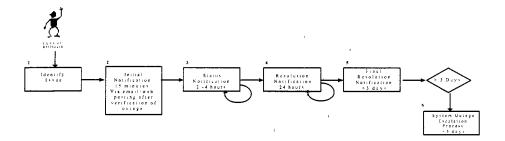




Table 4-1: Type 1 Cycle Times

Table 4-1 describes the cycle times for each process step that is outlined in the Type 1 – System Outage Process Flow. These cycle times represent typical timeframes for completing the documented step and producing the desired output for the step. In subprocess step 2 "Initial Notification" timeframe for completing this step does not begin until after the outage has been reported. The sub-process steps 3 "Status Notification" and 4 "Resolution Notification" are iterative steps. Iterative steps will be performed one or more times until the exit criteria for that process are met. If resolution is not reached within 20 minutes, BellSouth will provide the initial notification to the CLEC community via email and post outage information on the web.

NOTE: The Escalation Process may be used at any time within Steps 3-6 if cycle times are not met and/or responses are not acceptable.

•	1	2	3	4	5	6
Process Description	ldentify Issue	Initial Notification	Status Notification	Resolution Notification	Final Resolution Notification	Escalation
Cycle Time	N/A	Via email within 15	2-4 Hours	24 Hours	< 3 Days	> 3 Days
		minutes of the outage verification	(Iterative)	(Iterative)		System Outage Escalation Process
		BST website will be posted with outage information				1100633

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Table 4-2: Type 1 Detail Process Flow

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, the inputs/outputs and the cycle time of each sub-process in the Type 1 Process Flow. This process will be used to capture and communicate system outage information, status notification(s), resolution and notification(s), and final resolution to the CLEC community. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

STEP 1

Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), Electronic Communications System

Support (ECS)

Sub-Processes/ Activities

IDENTIFY ISSUE

- Internally determine if outage exists with BellSouth Electronic Interface. (The CLEC should perform internal outage resolution activities to determine if the potential problem involves the BellSouth Electronic Interface)
- Call the BST Electronic Communications Support (ECS) Help Desk at 888-426-8030.
- 3. ECS and individual CLEC will determine if the problem is likely to have no impact on the industry. If there is no impact, the outage will be worked on a bilateral basis.
- ECS will provide the CLEC with a trouble ticket number, unless the CLEC caller prefers not to obtain one, to record and track the outage.

INPUTS

- Issue Characteristics
- Call to ECS Helpdesk

OUTPUTS

Recorded Outage

CYCLE TIME

N/A

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Accountability:

Electronic Communications System Support (ECS)

Sub-Processes/ Activities INITIAL NOTIFICATION

- ECS will post to the Web an initial Industry Notification that a BellSouth Electronic Interface outage has been identified. An email to the CLECs participating in Change Control will also be distributed. The system ticket number of the outage will be included in the web posting and the email notification.
- The CLEC initiating the Type 1 System Outage will need to be available for communications on an as needed basis.
- ECS will continue to work towards the resolution of the problem.
- If outage is resolved, this notice is the first and final notification. The process for the item has ended. Outage Information will be reported in the monthly status meeting by the BCCM.

INPUTS

OUTPUTS

Recorded Outage

Industry Notification posted on Web

Email to CLECs participating in Change Control

CYCLE TIME

BellSouth has 15 minutes to notify the CLECs via e-mail and web posting once the Help Desk has verified the existence of an outage having a duration of 20 minutes or greater.

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Accountability:

Electronic Communications System Support (ECS)

Sub-Processes/ Activities STATUS NOTIFICATION (Iterative)

 If the outage is not resolved, ECS will continue to work towards the resolution on the problem.

- 2. ECS may communicate with the industry/affected parties. The following information may be discussed:
 - Clarification of outage
 - Current status of resolution
 - Agreement of resolution
- If a resolution has not been identified, continue giving status notifications to the industry and continue repeating Step 3 "Status Notification" via the web.
- 4. Proceed to Step 4 "Resolution Notification" when a resolution has been identified.

INPUTS

Industry Notification posted on web and email to CCP distribution

OUTPUTS

- EC Support will provide a status update, via web and email, when the status changes
- Resolution information

CYCLE TIME

2-4 Hour Intervals

STEP 4

Accountability:

Electronic Communications System Support (ECS), CLEC Change Control

Manager (CCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities RESOLUTION NOTIFICATION (Iterative) 1. The resolution notification is posted to the web.

- If the item is determined to be a defect, the CLEC that initiated the call will submit a "Change Request Form" checking the Type 6 Defect box.
- 3. If the resolution is not the final resolution, the process will loop back to Step 3 "Status Notification". BellSouth will continue to work towards the final resolution.
- When the final resolution has been created, proceed to Step 5 "Final Resolution Notification".

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 EC Support will provide a status update, via web and email, when the status changes

Resolution information

OUTPUTS

Resolution Information posted on web

Final Resolution Information

CYCLE TIME

24 Hours after reporting outage

STEP 5

Accountability:

Electronic Communications System Support (ECS)

Sub-Processes/ Activities FINAL RESOLUTION NOTIFICATION

1. The final resolution notification is posted on the web.

INPUTS OUTPUTS

Final Resolution InformationFinal Resolution Notification

CYCLE TIME

< 3 Days

NOTE: A log of all outages will be posted to the CCP website on a monthly basis.

STEP 6

Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), Electronic Communications System

Support (ECS)

Sub-Processes/ Activities **ESCALATION**

1. Escalation is appropriate anytime the interval exceeds the

recommended guidelines for notification.

2. Refer to the Type 1 – Escalation Process documented in Section 8.

INPUTS

Information or concern relating to a Type 1 – System Outage

OUTPUTS

Documented Escalation

· Escalation Response

CYCLE TIME

> 3 Days (The Escalation Process may be used at any time within Steps 3-6 if cycle times are not met and/or responses are

not acceptable)

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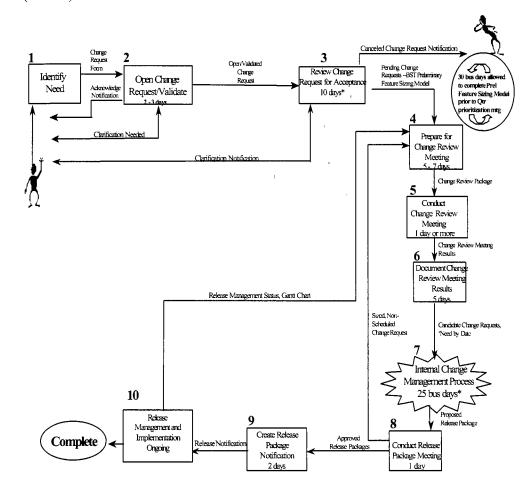
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Part 2: Types 2 – 5 Process Flow

Figure 4-3: Change Control Process Flow (Types 2-5)

Figure 4-3 provides the process flow for reviewing, scheduling and implementing a typical Type 2-5 Change Request. The process diagram applies to Change Requests submitted via the Change Control Process. Change Requests should be submitted to the BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM) using the standard Change Request form template. This template can be acquired on the Change Control web page. Change Requests may be submitted for interfaces that are currently being utilized, in the testing phase, or if a Letter of Intent (LOI) is on file with the BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM).



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Table 4-3: Types 2-5 Detail Process Flow

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, inputs/outputs and cycle times of each sub-process in the Change Control process. This process will be used to develop Candidate Change Requests that will be used as input to the Internal Change Management Process. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

STEP 1

Accountability: CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities IDENTIFY NEED Internally determine need for change request. These change requests might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business process changes.

 Originator and CCCM or BCCM should complete the standardized Change Request Form according to Checklist.

3. Attach related requirements and specification documents. (See Attachment A-1A, Item 22)

4. Appropriate CCCM/BCCM submits Change Request Form and related information via email to BellSouth.

INPUTS

• Change Request Form (Attachment A-1)

Change Request Form Checklist (Attachment A-1A)

OUTPUTS

Completed Change Request Form with related documentation

CYCLE TIME N/A

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Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities OPEN CHANGE REQUEST/ VALIDATE CHANGE

REQUEST FOR COMPLETENESS

1. Log Request in Change Request Log.

- 2. Send Acknowledgment Notification (Attachment A-3) via email to originator.
- 3. Establish request status ('N' for New Request)
- Review change request for mandatory fields using the Change Request Form Checklist.
- 5. Verify Change Request specifications and related information exists.
- Send Clarification Notification via email to the originator (Attachment A-4) if needed.
- 7. Update Change Request Status to "PC" for Pending Clarification if clarification is needed.

CLEC or BellSouth Originator

If clarification is needed, make necessary corrections per Clarification Notification and submit Change Request Clarification Response (Attachment A-2)

INPUTS

- Completed Change Request Form with related documentation
- Change Request Form Checklist
- Change Request Clarification Response

OUTPUTS

- New Change Request
- Acknowledgment Notification
- Validated Change Request
- Clarification Notification
- Industry Notification via email and web posting

CYCLE TIME

2-3 Business Days

Clarification times would be in addition to cycle time.

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Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ **Activities**

REVIEW CHANGE 1. Review Change Request and related information for content.

REQUEST

<u>FOR</u>

ACCEPTANCE

2. Change Request reviewed for impacted areas (i.e., system, manual process, documentation) and adverse impacts.

3. Determine status of request:

- If change already exists or is a CLEC training issue, forward Cancellation Notification (Attachment A-3) to CCCM or BCCM and update status to "C" for Request Canceled or "CT" for Training. If Training issue, refer to CSM or CLEC Care Organization.
- If Change Request Clarification Notification not received, validate with CLEC that change request is no longer needed.
- If request is accepted, update Change Request status to "P" for Pending in Change Request Log.
- BellSouth may determine that a CLEC initiated change request cannot be accepted because of cost, industry direction or because it is considered not technically feasible to implement. In such cases, BellSouth's reason will be provided in writing on the updated change request and the appropriate BellSouth SME will participate in the Monthly Status Meeting to address the reason for rejection and discuss alternatives with the CLEC community. If request is rejected due to one of the reasons stated above, update Change request status to "R" for Rejected in Change Request Log.

NOTE: See Section 11.0 Terms and Definitions - Change Request Status for valid status codes and descriptions.

INPUTS

- New Change Request
- Validated Change Request
- Clarification Notification (if required)

OUTPUTS

- Pending Change Request
- Rejected Change Request
- Clarification Notification (if applicable)
- Cancellation Notification (if applicable)
- CR status updated on web

CYCLE TIME

10 Business Days⁶

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NOTE: There is a 30 business day process operating in parallel between steps 3 and 4 of this process in which BellSouth completes its preliminary feature sizing model on pending change requests.

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Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities

PREPARE **FOR CHANGE REVIEW**

MEETING

NOTE: These activities take place to prepare for Change Review meetings when prioritization takes place.

(BCCM) 1. Prepare an agenda.

(BCCM) 2. Make meeting preparations.

(BCCM) 3. Update Change Request Log with current status for new and existing Change Requests.

(BCCM) 4. Prepare and post Change Request Log to web.

(BCCM) 5. Provide Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scope information on each pending change request to CLECs. This sizing is expressed in "units" with a unit being equal to 100 release cycle hours. A release cycle hour is the total number of hours estimated for planning, analysis, design, code development, testing, and implementation of a single CR. Appendix I-A will be used to provide future release capacity sizing information.

(CCCM) 1. Analyze Pending Change Requests

(CCCM) 2. Determine priorities for change requests and establish "Desired/Want" dates.

(CCCM) 3. Create draft Priority List to prepare for Change Review Meeting.

The sizing information provided with the Change Review Meeting package is a preliminary estimate of the work effort. After prioritization, each interface is assessed in depth to determine the scope of the change request. Based on the assessment, an adjustment in the sizing may be required.

CLECs will be notified of release capacity units and units assigned per CR.

INPUTS

- Pending Change Request Notifications
- Project Release Status (Step 10)
- Change Request Log
- BST Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and full release capacity

OUTPUTS

- Change Request Log
- **CLEC Draft Priority List**
- BST Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scope on each Pending change request
- Appendix I-A

CYCLE TIME 5-7 Business Days

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Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities CONDUCT CHANGE REVIEW MEETING **MONTHLY STATUS MEETINGS**

1. Communicate regulatory mandates.

- 2. Present new change requests submitted since previous Monthly Status Meeting.
- 3. Review status of pending/approved Change Requests (including defects and expedited features).
- 4. Review current Release Management statuses.
- 5. Discuss technical issues.
- 6. Review issues and action items and assign owners.

NOTE: CLECs should submit technical questions/issues to Change Control at least two weeks in advance of the Monthly Meeting.

PRIORITIZATION MEETINGS for CLEC PRODUCTION RELEASES (Held quarterly in March, June, September and December)

- 1. Follow Steps 1-3 from Monthly Status Meetings.
- 2. Initiators present Change Requests.
- 3. BellSouth presents the preliminary feature sizing model and scope of each change request. See Appendix H for information to be provided. BellSouth presents the number of production releases and dates targeted to reflect 60 weeks (14 months). BellSouth presents the total capacity (units) of each Release and the capacity available (units) for the implementation of the change requests.
- 4. Discuss impacts.
- 5. Prioritize Change Requests.
- Develop final Candidate Requests list of Pending Change Requests by category, "Need by Dates" and prioritized Change Requests for the CLEC Production Release being scoped. The CLECs' prioritization will be used for order of implementation into this CLEC Production Release. The order of implementation may be altered only with CLEC concurrence.

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- Update Change Request Log to "RC" for Candidate Request List, "C" for Canceled, "P" for Pending, as appropriate.
- Review issues and action items and assign owners.

INPUTS

- Change Request Log
- CLEC Draft Priority List
- Desired/Want dates
- Impact analysis
- Preliminary feature sizing model and scope on each pending change request
- Appendix I-A

OUTPUTS

- Meeting minutes
- Updated Change Request Log
- Candidate Change Request List
- Issues and Action Items (if required)
- Assignment of Candidate Change Requests to future releases
- Appendix I-A, if the information changes

CYCLE TIME

1 Business Day (or as needed based on volume)

Meeting Day

STEP 6

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/

1. Prepare and distribute outputs from Step 5.

Activities

CHANGE REVIEW **MEETING** RESULTS

DOCUMENT

INPUTS

- Change Request Log
- Final Candidate Request List
- Prioritized Assignments to Future Releases

OUTPUTS

- Updated Change Request Log
- Web posting of meeting output

CYCLE TIME

5 Business Days

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Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM

Sub-Processes/ Activities INTERNAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

 Both BellSouth and CLECs will perform analysis, impact, sizing and estimating activities to the Candidate Change Requests. This ensures that participating parties are reviewing capacity and impacts to schedules before assigning resources to activities.

 Sizing and sequencing of prioritized change requests will begin with the top priority items and continue down through the list.

3. The implementation of Type 4 and Type 5 changes will occur within (no later than) 60 weeks from prioritization of the change. Prioritization ranking and BellSouth preliminary feature sizing model information will be used to sequence the implementation of changes in the CLEC Production Releases that will occur during the 60-week interval. The prioritization ranking provides the CLECs' evaluation of the relative business value/urgency of the change and the sizing information provides the relative estimated anticipated work effort required.

Develop final Candidate Requests list of Pending Change Requests by category, "Need by Dates" and prioritized Change Requests for the CLEC Production Release being scoped. The CLECs' prioritization will be used for order of implementation into this CLEC Production Release. The order of implementation may be altered only with CLEC concurrence.

INPUTS

- Candidate Change Request List with agreed upon "Need by Dates"
- Change Request Log

OUTPUTS

- BellSouth's Proposed Release Package
- CLEC Analysis

CYCLE TIME

25 Business Days7

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Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM

Sub-Processes/

Activities

CONDUCT RELEASE PACKAGE

MEETING

Prepare Agenda

- 2. Make meeting preparations.
- 3. Evaluate proposed release schedule.
- One CCP master prioritization list will be maintained. One month prior to each Change Review Meeting, CLEC/BST will determine the process for prioritizing change requests. Options include:
 - Prioritize all change requests (new pending and nonscheduled)
 - Prioritize only the new pending requests. An average ranking will be calculated and incorporated into the CCP master prioritization list.
- 5. Based on BST/CLEC consensus, create the Approved Release Package. CLECs, based on group consensus, may request changes to the proposed scope (like for like-size CRs). BellSouth will evaluate and determine the impacts of the requests changes and re-present the proposed package to the CLEC community. CLEC/BST consensus will be used to create the Approved Release Package.
- 6. Identify Release Management Project Manager.
- 7. Establish date for initial Release Management Project Meeting for the next new release.
- 8. All Change Requests that are in the approved scheduled release will be changed to "S" status for "Scheduled".

INPUTS

- BellSouth's Proposed Release Package
- BellSouth's Release Schedule
- Change Request Log
- CLEC Analysis

OUTPUTS

- Approved Release Package
- Updated Change Request Log
- Meeting Minutes
- Scheduled Change Requests
- Date for initial Release Management Project Meeting for next new release.

CYCLE TIME

1 Business Day

Production Release Meeting held 36 weeks prior to production.

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Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities CREATE RELEASE 1. Develop and distribute Release Notification Package via

web.

PACKAGE NOTIFICATION

INPUTS

Approved Release Package

OUTPUTS

• Release Package Notification

CYCLE TIME

2 Business Days after Release Package Meeting

STEP 10

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM) and Project Managers from each

participating company

Sub-Processes/ Activities RELEASE MANAGEMENT

AND IMPLEMENTATION

 Provide Project Management and Implementation of Release (See Release Management @ Appendix B).

- Lead Project Manager communicates Release Management Project status to BCCM and CCCM.
- Software Release Notifications will be provided 30 calendar days or more in advance of the implementation date.
- BellSouth User Requirements for software changes will be presented to CLECs. If needed, changes will be incorporated and requirements re-baselined. The estimated units of effort will be provided via Appendix H.
- 5. BellSouth Documentation changes, including business rule changes, will be provided.
 - All non-system impacting changes to BellSouth business rule documentation will be provided to CLECs at least 30 calendar days in advance of the effective date (excluding expedites/defects).
- Once a Change Request is implemented in a release, the status will be changed to "I" for Change Implemented.



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INPUTS
OUTPUTS

- Approved Release Package Notification
- Project Release Status
- Implementation Date
- Project Plan, Work Breakdown Schedule, Risk Assessment, Executive Summary, etc.
- Implemented Change Request
- Draft User Requirements
- Final User Requirements
- Documentation Changes
- Final Specifications

CYCLE TIME

Ongoing

Table 4-4 Intervals for Releases

Deliverable	Production Release	Industry Release
Notification for the implementation of an Industry Release	N/A	Minimum 60 weeks prior to production
Conduct Release Package Meeting	Minimum 36 weeks prior to production	Minimum 60 weeks prior to production
Provide Draft User Requirements to CLECs	Minimum 34 weeks prior to production. Review meetings of the draft user requirements will be scheduled as often as needed/requested.	Two weeks after the Release Package Meeting. Review meetings of the draft user requirements will be scheduled as often as needed/requested.
Provide Final User Requirements to CLECs	15 weeks prior to production	19 weeks prior to production
Publish Final EDI Specifications	15 weeks prior to production	19 weeks prior to production
Publish TAG API/Reference Guide Version 0	15 weeks prior to production	19 weeks prior to production
Publish TAG API/Reference Guide Version 1	10 days prior to production	10 days prior to production
Publish the Business Rules	15 weeks prior to production	15 weeks prior to production
Pre-Soak CAVE	45 business days prior to production	60 business days prior to production
Post-Soak CAVE	Until the next Release is loaded into CAVE in preparation for the next CAVE soak window	Until the next Release is loaded into CAVE in preparation for the next CAVE Soak window

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Part 3: Exception Feature Process

Situations may arise from time to time that require exception treatment for Type 2-5 changes or a Type 6 Defect change that has been reclassified as a feature change request. An exception may involve an Expedited Feature, a Re-classified Defect, or a Negotiated Extended Implementation.

Expedited Feature

An Expedited Feature is the inability for a CLEC to process certain types of LSR's based on the existing functionality to BellSouth's Operational Support Systems (OSSs) that are in the scope of CCP. The change request for an expedite must provide details of the business impact and will fall into one of two categories:

- A submitted defect that has been re-classified as a feature where the CLEC/BellSouth has determined should be expedited due to impact
- An enhancement to an existing interface where the CLEC/BellSouth has determined should be expedited due to impact. Applicable to CLEC Production Releases.

Re-Classified Defects

When a submitted defect is re-classified as a feature, the CLEC/BellSouth will be notified by Change Control in the defect validation. The CLEC will have the ability to ask BellSouth to expedite the re-classified feature by updating the Change Request, marking it as an expedite and sending back to Change Control. The change request will then follow through the Types 2-5 Expedited Feature process using agreed upon intervals.

Negotiated Extended Implementation

The CLECs and BellSouth collectively may determine that an individual or group of normally prioritized change requests should not be implemented within the normal 60-week interval. A negotiated extended implementation may be requested. As each situation will likely be unique, this process provides the framework in which the CCP member will make the necessary consensus decisions to achieve a negotiated implementation. See Figure 4-5 for high-level process overview.

Enhancement to an existing interface

A CLEC/BellSouth will also have the ability to submit a Type 2-5 change request as an expedited feature request for an enhancement to an existing interface where the functionality does not currently exist in BellSouth's offered interface.

For both re-classified defects and enhancements to an existing interface, the rules surrounding the expedited feature request will be:

• Must be an enhancement to an existing interface

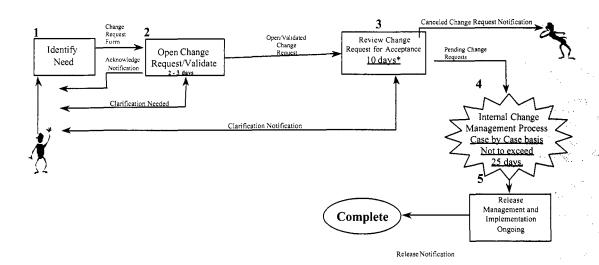
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- Will follow the Expedited Feature Process flow described below which is based on the current Types 2-5 process flow using agreed upon intervals with the exception of Steps 4-6 which are eliminated.
- The CLEC/BellSouth will be required to give impacts and the consequences for not implementing the feature in the current or next release, best effort.
- Applicable for CLEC Production Releases.

Figure 4-4: Process Flow for Types 2-5 Expedited Feature Process



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Figure 4-5: Process Flow for Types 2-5 Negotiated Extended Implementation Feature Process

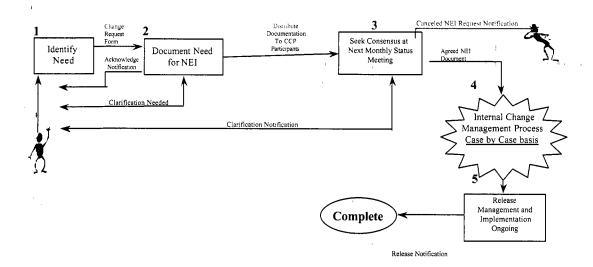




Table 4-5: Types 2-5 Expedited Feature Detail Process Flow

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, inputs/outputs and cycle times of each sub-process in the Expedited Feature process. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

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Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities IDENTIFY NEED Internally determine need for change request. These change requests might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business process changes.

 Originator and CCCM or BCCM should complete the standardized Change Request Form according to Checklist.

3. Attach related requirements and specification documents. (See Attachment A-1A, Item 22)

 Appropriate CCCM/BCCM submits Change Request Form and related information via email to BellSouth.

INPUTS

Change Request Form (Attachment A-1)

Change Request Form Checklist (Attachment A-1A)

OUTPUTS

Completed Change Request Form with related documentation

CYCLE TIME

N/A

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STEP 2

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities OPEN CHANGE REQUEST/ VALIDATE CHANGE REQUEST FOR COMPLETENESS 1. Log Request in Change Request Log.

- Send Acknowledgment Notification (Attachment A-3) via email to originator.
- 3. Establish request status ('N' for New Request)
- 4. Review change request for mandatory fields using the Change Request Form Checklist.
- Verify Change Request specifications and related information exists.
- Send Clarification Notification via email to the originator (Attachment A-4) if needed.
- Update Change Request Status to "PC" for Pending Clarification if clarification is needed.

CLEC or BellSouth Originator

If clarification is needed, make necessary corrections per Clarification Notification and submit Change Request Clarification Response (Attachment A-2)

INPUTS

- Completed Change Request Form with related documentation
- Change Request Form Checklist
- Change Request Clarification Response

OUTPUTS

- New Change Request
- Acknowledgment Notification
- Validated Change Request
- Clarification Notification
- Industry Notification via email and web posting

CYCLE TIME

1 Business Day

Clarification times would be in addition to cycle time.

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STEP 3

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities

REVIEW CHANGE 1. Review Change Request and related information for content.

REQUEST CO

FOR

ACCEPTANCE

Change Request reviewed for impacted areas (i.e., system, manual process, documentation) and adverse impacts.

3. Determine status of request:

- If change already exists or CLEC training issue, forward Cancellation Notification (Attachment A-3) to CCCM or BCCM and update status to "C" for Request Canceled or "CT" for Training. If Training issue, refer to CSM or CLEC Care Organization.
- If Change Request Clarification Notification not received, validate with CLEC that change request is no longer needed.
- If request is accepted, update Change Request status to "P" for Pending in Change Request Log.
- If request does not meet the expedited feature criteria, it will exit this process and enter the standard Types 2-5 flow, Step 4.
- BellSouth may determine that a CLEC initiated expedited change request cannot be accepted because of cost, industry direction or because it is considered not technically feasible to implement. In such cases, BellSouth's reason will be provided in writing on the updated change request and the appropriate BellSouth SME will participate in the Monthly Status Meeting to address the reason for rejection and discuss alternatives with the CLEC community. If request is rejected due to one of the reasons stated above, update Change request status to "R" for Rejected in Change Request Log.

NOTE: See Section 11.0 Terms and Definitions – Change Request Status for valid status codes and descriptions.



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- New Change Request
- Pending Change Request
- Rejected Change Request
- Validated Change Request
- Clarification Notification (if required)

OUTPUTS

- Validated Expedited Change Request
- Clarification Notification (if required)
- Cancellation Notification (if required)
- CR status updated on web

CYCLE TIME

10 Business Days⁸

STEP 3A

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities

REVIEW REQUEST FOR

ACCEPTANCE

 Change Requests validated in Step 2 above shall be considered for expedited status into the next CLEC Production Release by the CCP participants at the next Monthly Status Meeting. Requests granted expedited status by the consensus of the participants will continue through Step 4 and 5 to implementation. If the request is not granted expedited status, it will exit this process and enter the standard Types 2 – 5 flow, Step 4.

STEP 4

Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities INTERNAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS Both BellSouth and CLECs will perform analysis, impact, sizing and estimating activities to the Expedited Feature Change Request. This ensures that participating parties are reviewing capacity and impacts to schedules before assigning resources to activities.

Expedited Features will be implemented in the current or next release, best effort.

INPUTS

Change Request Log

OUTPUTS

Release Date for Expedited Feature

CYCLE TIME

Case by Case basis - Not to exceed 25 days

STEP 5

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM) and Project Managers from each

participating company

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Sub-Processes/ Activities	RELEASE MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION	1.	Provide Project Management and Implementation of Release (See Release Management @ Appendix B).		
		2.	Lead Project Manager communicates Release Management Project status to BCCM and CCCM.		
		3.	BellSouth User Requirements for software changes wibe presented to CLECs if applicable. If needed, changes will be incorporated and requirements rebaselined.		
		4.	BellSouth Documentation changes, including business rules changes associated with expedited features, will be provided, if applicable.		
		5.	Once a Change Request is implemented in a release, the status will be changed to "I" for Change Implemented.		
	INPUTS	•	Approved Release Package Notification		
	OUTPUTS	•	Project Release Status Implementation Date Documentation Changes		
	CYCLE TIME	On	going		



5.0 DEFECT PROCESS

Definition

A CLEC/BST identified defect will enter this process through the Change Management Team as a Type 6 Change Request. If the defect is validated internally, it will route through this process, and notification provided to the CLEC community via email and web posting.

A Type 6 defect request is any non-Type 1 change that corrects problems discovered in production versions of an application interface. These problems are where the interface is not working in accordance to the BellSouth baseline user requirements or the business rules that BellSouth has published or otherwise provided to the CLECs.

In addition, if functional requirements agreed upon by BellSouth and the CLECs, results in inoperable functionality, even though software user requirements and business rules match; this will be addressed as a defect.

These problems typically affect the CLEC's ability to exchange transactions with BellSouth and may include documentation that is in error, has missing information or is unclear in nature (See Documentation Defect – Sub section 5-2). Type 6 validated defects may not be managed using the Expedited Feature Process discussed in Section 4, Part 3.

Defect Change Requests will be assigned one of the following severity levels for the purpose of prioritizing the development of a software correction (excluding documentation defects):

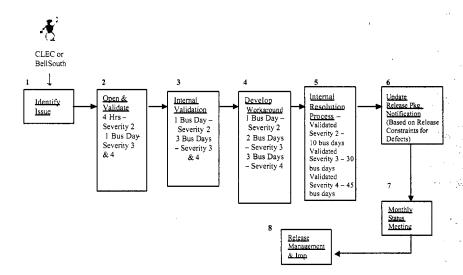
- Severity 1 <u>Critical</u> Problem results in a complete system outage and/or is detrimental to the majority of the development and/or testing efforts. (**Note**: Severity 1 defects that are discovered in "production" will be classified as a Type 1 System Outage)
- Severity 2 <u>Serious</u> System functionality is degraded with serious adverse impact to the users and there is not an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 2 defects will occur within 10 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.
- Severity 3 Moderate System functionality is degraded with a moderate adverse impact to the users but there is an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 3 defects will occur within 30 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.
- Severity 4 Cosmetic There is no immediate adverse impact to the users. Correction of Severity 4 defects will occur within 45 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.

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Figure 5-1: Type 6 Process Flow

Validation and Resolution of a Type 6 Change – CLEC impacting Defect (excluding documentation)



NOTE: The intervals in the boxes above match the intervals in the tables to follow for Severity 2, 3 and 4 defect change requests.

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Table 5-1: Type 6 Detail Process Flow

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, inputs/outputs and cycle times of each sub-process in the Type 6 Process Flow. This process will be used to validate defects, provide status notification(s), workarounds and final resolution to the CLEC community. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated (This table excludes documentation defects which are detailed in a separate Section 5-2).

STEP 1

Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/
Activities

IDENTIFY NEED 1. Identify Defect.

2. Originator and CCCM or BCCM should complete the standardized Change Request Form indicating that it is a

- Include description of business need and details of business impact.
- Attach related requirements and specification documents.
 These attachments must include the following, if appropriate:
 - PON
 - OCN
 - Specific Scenario
 - Interface(s) affected
 - Error message (if applicable)
 - Release or API version (if applicable)
- Appropriate CCCM/BCCM submits Change Request Form and related information via email to BellSouth Change Management Team.

INPUTS

Type 6 Change Request

OUTPUTS

Completed Change Request Form (with related documentation if necessary)

CYCLE TIME N/A

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STEP 2

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities OPEN & VALIDATE DEFECT FORM 1. Log Defect in Change Request Log

FOR

COMPLETENESS

- Send Acknowledgment Notification via email to initiating CLEC.
- Establish CR status ("N" for New Defect)
- BCCM reviews change request for mandatory fields using the Change Request Form checklist.
- 5. Verify specifications and related information exist.
- Send Clarification Notification via email to the originator if needed.
- Update CR Status to 'PC' for Pending Clarification if clarification is needed.

If clarification is needed, CLEC or BST originator makes necessary corrections per Clarification Notification and submits via email Change Request Clarification Response.

INPUTS

Completed Change Request Form (with related documentation if necessary)

OUTPUTS

- New Defect
- · Acknowledgment Notification
- Clarification Notification (if required)

CYCLE TIME

4 Hours – Severity 2

1 Business Day - Severity 3 & 4

(Time to be calculated from time of receipt with a cutoff time of 4:00 pm Eastern Time)

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STEP 3

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities INTERNAL VALIDATION

1. Validate that it is a defect.

2. Perform internal defect analysis.

3. Determine status of request:

- If change already exists or CLEC training issue, forward Cancellation Notification to CCCM or BCCM and update status to "C" for Request Canceled or "CT" for Training.
 If Training issue, refer to CSM or CLEC Care Organization.
- Send Clarification Notification via email if needed and update status to "PC" for Pending Clarification.
- If Change Request Clarification Notification not received, validate with CLEC that change request is no longer needed.
- If request is valid, update Change Request status "V" for Validated Defect and indicate appropriate Impact Level.
- If CLEC does not agree with the validation, the CLEC may appeal the issue or escalate.
- Based on detail analysis, BellSouth will reaffirm the impact level that is stated on the request.
- If the process is operating as specified in the baseline requirements and published business rules, the BCCM will communicate the results via email to the originator to discuss/determine the next step(s).
- If issue is re-classified as a feature change, provide supporting information via email to the originator for review and feedback. The Change Request will exit the defect process flow and enter Types 2-5 process flow (enter at Step 3)

NOTE: See Section 11.0 Terms and Definitions – Defect Status for valid status codes and descriptions.

Defect Notification will be provided to CLEC community via email and web posting.





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- **New Defect**
- **OUTPUTS**
- Validated Defect
- Defect notification to CLEC community via email and web posting
- Clarification Notification (if required)
- Cancellation Notification (if required)
- Status provided for High Impact Defects to originator via email within 24 hours

CYCLE TIME

1 Business Day - Severity 2

(If BellSouth cannot complete internal validation of a Severity 2 defect within 1 bus day, BST will communicate the reason and expected time period in which the defect validation can occur to both the originator and the CLECs)

3 Business Days - Severity 3 and Severity 4

1. Defect Workaround identified.

STEP 4

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ **Activities**

DEVELOP & VALIDATE **WORKAROUND**

(IF

APPLICABLE)

- Change Request status changed to "W" for workaround identified.
- 3. Workaround is communicated via email to originating CLEC and to the CLEC community via email and web
- 4. If appropriate, communication to the CLEC community regarding workaround will be discussed via conference

If it is determined that additional time is needed to develop workaround due to the complexity of the defect, notification will be provided to CLEC community via email and web posting.

INPUTS

- Validated Defect
- Clarification Notification (if required)

OUTPUTS

- Workaround (if applicable)
- Clarification Notification (if required)
- Cancellation Notification (if required)
- Email and web posting of workaround

CYCLE TIME

- 1 Business Day Severity 2
- 2 Business Days Severity 3
- 3 Business Days Severity 4

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STEP 5

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Accountability:
Sub-Processes/
Activities

INTERNAL RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Schedule and evaluate Defects based on capacity and business impacts to the CLECs and BellSouth.
- 2. Provide status updates to the CLEC community via email as the status changes until the defect is implemented.

INPUTS

CLEC/BST input

OUTPUTS

• Defect Release Schedule

CYCLE TIME

Validated Severity 2 Defects will be implemented within a 10 business day range, best effort.

(BST will be required to have daily discussions with the originating CLEC and provide daily updates to other impacted CLECs. If BST is unable to correct a high impact defect in 10 business days, it must notify the designated CLEC and notify all impacted parties)

- Severity 3 Defects will be implemented within 30 business days.
- Severity 4 Defects will be implemented within 45 business
 days.

STEP 6

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities UPDATE RELEASE PACKAGE NOTIFICATION 1. Update and distribute release notification package via web.

2. All Change Requests that are in the approved scheduled release will be changed to "S" status for "Scheduled".

NOTE: The release notification will be published in a timely manner, based on the release constraints associated with the defect.

NOTE: In the event correction of the defect may potentially cause the CLECs to perform coding or business procedure changes, BellSouth will provide notification and appropriate documentation with the release notification.

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Defect Information

OUTPUTS

Updated Release Package Notification

Scheduled Change Request

Documentation of potential CLEC coding/process changes.

CYCLE TIME

Based on release constraints for defects (may be less than 30 days)

STEP 7

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities MONTHLY STATUS MEETING 1. Provide status of defect.

2. Solicit CLEC/BST input.

Update Defect information as needed.

Defects ReceivedChange Request Log

Defect Analysis

• Workaround (if applicable)

OUTPUTS

INPUTS

Updated status

• Updated Change Request Log

Meeting minutes

CYCLE TIME

Monthly or when status changes, whichever occurs first.

STEP 8

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities RELEASE MANAGEMENT AND The following release management activities will pertain to Type 6 changes:

IMPLEMENTATION

 Lead project manager communicates release management project status to BCCM for inclusion in Monthly status meetings.

2. Once a defect is implemented in a release, the status will be changed to "I" for Change Implemented.

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Section 5.0 - Defect Process

INPUTS

Approved Release Package Notification

OUTPUTS

Project Release status Implementation Date Implemented Change Request

CYCLE TIME

Ongoing



Table 5-2: Type 6 Detail Process Flow – Documentation Defects

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, inputs/outputs and cycle times of each sub-process in the Type 6 Process Flow for documentation defects. This process will be used to validate documentation defects, provide status notification(s), and final resolution to the CLEC community. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

STEP 1

Accountability:

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM), BellSouth Change Control Manager

(BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ **Activities**

IDENTIFY NEED

Identify Documentation Defect.

- Originator and CCCM or BCCM should complete the standardized Change Request Form indicating that it is a Type 6.
- Include description of business need and details of business impact.
- Attach related requirements and specification documents, if
- 5. Appropriate CCCM/BCCM submits Change Request Form and related information via email to BellSouth Change Management Team.

INPUTS

Type 6 Change Request

OUTPUTS

Completed Change Request Form (with related documentation if necessary)

CYCLE TIME N/A

STEP 2

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ **Activities**

OPEN & VALIDATE Log Defect in Change Request Log Send Acknowledgment Notification via email to initiating

DEFECT FORM

CLEC.

FOR

COMPLETENESS

- Establish CR status ("N" for New Defect)
- BCCM reviews change request for mandatory fields using the Change Request Form checklist.
- 5. Verify specifications and related information exists

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Section 5.0 - Documentation Defect Process

INPUTS

Completed Change Request Form (with related documentation if necessary)

OUTPUTS

New Documentation Defect

Acknowledgment Notification

Clarification Notification (if required)

CYCLE TIME

1 Business Day

STEP 3

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities

INTERNAL VALIDATION

- Validate that it is a documentation defect.
- Perform internal defect analysis. 2.
- Determine status of request:
 - If change already exists or CLEC training issue, forward Cancellation Notification (Attachment A-3) to CCCM or BCCM and update status to "C" for Request Canceled or "CT" for Training. If Training issue, refer to CSM or CLEC Care Organization.
 - Send Clarification Notification via email if needed and update status to "PC" for Pending Clarification.
 - If Change Request Clarification Notification not received back from CLEC, validate with CLEC that change request is no longer needed.
 - If request is valid, update Change Request status to "V" for Validated Defect and indicate appropriate Impact
 - If CLEC does not agree with the validation, the CLEC may appeal the issue or escalate.
 - Based on detail analysis, BellSouth will reaffirm the impact level that is stated on the request.
 - If the documentation is correct, the BCCM will communicate the results via email to the originator to discuss/determine the next step(s).

NOTE: See Section 11.0 Terms and Definitions - Defect Status for valid status codes and descriptions.

Defect Notifications will be provided to CLEC community via email and web posting.

INPUTS

OUTPUTS

New Documentation Defect

- Validated Documentation Defect
- Defect notification to CLEC community via email and web posting
- Clarification Notification (if required)
- Cancellation Notification (if required)

CYCLE TIME

3 Business Days

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STEP 4

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ **Activities**

DEVELOP & PROVIDE CARRIER **NOTIFICATION "SUMMARY**

1. BellSouth prepares and validates the corrected documentation.

<u>OF</u> **CHANGES**"

- Carrier Notification "Summary of Changes" is developed.
- Change Request status changed to "S" for scheduled.
- Carrier Notification "Summary of Changes" is sent to BCCM via email for distribution to CLECs.

If it is determined that additional time is needed to develop workaround due to the complexity of the defect, notification will be provided to CLEC community via email and web posting.

INPUTS

- Validated Documentation Defect
- Clarification Notification (if required)

OUTPUTS

- Workaround (if applicable)
- Clarification Notification (if required) Cancellation Notification (if required)
- Email of "Summary of Changes" notification

CYCLE TIME

4 Business Days

STEP 5

Accountability:

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM)

Sub-Processes/ Activities

CARRIER NOTIFICATION **LETTER**

- BellSouth will develop an "official" Carrier Notification Letter.
- 2. Carrier Notification Letter is posted to the web.

INPUTS

Carrier Notification "Summary of Changes"

OUTPUTS

Carrier Notification Letter posted on web

CYCLE TIME

10 Business Days

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6.0 CHANGE REVIEW - PRIORITIZATION - RELEASE PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT & APPROVAL

Part 1: Change Review Meeting

Definition

The Change Review meeting provides the forum for reviewing and prioritizing Pending Change Requests, generating Candidate Change Requests, submitting Candidate Change Requests for sizing, and reviewing the status of all release projects underway. Status update meetings will be held monthly and are open to all CLECs. Meetings will be structured according to category (pre-order/order, maintenance, manual and documentation, etc.). Prioritization meetings will be held quarterly.

During the Change Review Meeting, each originator of a Change Request will be allowed five (5) minutes to present their Change Request. A question and answer session not to exceed 15 minutes will follow this presentation. After all presentations for a particular category are complete, the prioritization process will begin.

The Change Request Log will be distributed 5-7 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting. Change Requests must be accepted and in "Pending" status at least 30 business days in advance of the distribution of the Change Review Package to assure completion of the preliminary feature sizing model. Other Change Requests, placed in pending status after the 30 business days cutoff will also be available for prioritization but may not have the preliminary feature sizing model information.

NOTE: Status Meetings will occur monthly. Prioritization meetings will be scheduled to occur in March, June, September and December and will include the monthly status meeting agenda items.

Part 2: Change Review Package

Definition

The Change Review Package will be distributed to all participants 5-7 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting. The package will include the following:

- Meeting Agenda
- Change Request Log (List of Change Requests to be reviewed)
- BellSouth's Preliminary Feature Sizing Model and scope on each Change Request (See Appendix H for information to be provided)
- BellSouth's preliminary units estimate of: 1) feature release capacity available and 2) capacity assigned to known feature changes.

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- Schedule of Releases and estimated size (i.e. total units and units available) for each type of change. See Appendix I-A for information to be provided.
- Reference to Change Control Process on the BST website (for CLECs not familiar with the process, new CLECs or CLECs that choose to participate after the initial rollout)
- Status Reports from each of the active Release Management Project Teams
- For prioritization and planning purposes, BellSouth will provide two views of a rolling release plan annually: 1) a view with an Industry Release (i.e., ELMSx), CLEC Production Release(s) and BST Production Release(s) and 2) a view with a CLEC Production Release(s) and BST Production Release(s) and no Industry Release. The CCP membership will vote on which rolling release plan will be implemented for the following year.
- Total CLEC and BST Production Releases are equal in estimated number of units of capacity.
- Prioritization of Type 5s and Type4s (optional) within this process will be used for assigning priority order within the CLEC Production Releases.¹⁰
- Type 5s and Type 4s will be implemented into the CLEC Production Release being scoped for prioritization within 60 weeks of prioritization.

Part 3: Prioritizing Change Requests

Definition

Prior to the Change Review Meeting, each participating CLEC should determine priorities for change requests and establish "desired/want" dates. The CLEC should use the Preliminary Priority List form as provided via the web.

Final prioritization will be determined at the Change Review meeting after presentation of the Change Requests for each category.

PRIORITIZATION VOTING RULES

- CLEC must either be using an interface within a category (i.e., ordering), in the testing phase or have a letter of intent (LOI) on file with the BellSouth Change Control Management Team to participate in the voting process.
- One vote per CLEC, per category.

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⁹ A set number of maintenance releases will be provided as well. Maintenance releases are primarily intended for implementation of defects.

¹⁰ Type 4s and 5s (optional) will also be assigned to BST Production Releases outside of this process.



- No proxy voting
- Type 4 and 5 change requests will be prioritized (non-expedites)
- Each company may bring the number of participants necessary to represent their position. If the number of participants grows to be unmanageable, CLECs and BellSouth will revisit the issue of representation to apply some restrictions.
- Forced Ranking (1 to N, with 1 being the highest) will be used
- Votes will be tallied to determine order of ranking
- Changes will be ranked by category
- Manual processes and documentation will be prioritized separately; however they will need to be synchronized with the electronic interface changes
- In cases of a tie, the affected Changes will be re-ranked and prioritized based on the re-ranking

REMOTE PRIORITIZATION VOTING RULES

- The ranking sheet, which lists the change requests to be prioritized, will be provided to the CLEC community via email 5-7 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting.
- Presentation of each change request to be prioritized will occur in the morning portion of the meeting.
- Change Management will verify which participants will be submitting their ranking sheets.
- CLECs must be present at the meeting (either via conference bridge or in person) to participate in the prioritization.
- Ranking sheets must be emailed to Change Control by Noon Eastern the day of prioritization meeting:

Change.Control@bridge.bellsouth.com

Fax Number: 205-321-3178 (if email is not working)

- Results will be tallied during the lunch break.
- The results of the ranking will be presented in the afternoon portion of the meeting.

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• In case of a tie, the affected Changes will be re-ranked. Ranking sheets must be emailed to Change Control within one (1) hour after notification of a tie.

EXAMPLE:

The top 2 changes from high to low are E5 and E2, with E1 and E4 tied for 3rd. E1 and E4 would be re-ranked and prioritized according to the re-ranking.

Pre-Order LENS	CLEC 1	CLEC 2	CLEC 3	Total
E1	3	1	6	10
E2	3	5	1	9 (#2)
E3	1	6	5	12
E4	4	3	3	10
E5	2	2	3	7 (#1)
E6	6	3	2	11

Part 4: Developing and Approving Release Packages

Definition

Subsequent to the Change Review Meeting, BellSouth and the CLECs will each evaluate and analyze the Candidate Change Requests in preparation for the Release Package Meeting that will be held as follows:

• Production Release – 36 weeks prior to production

Sizing and sequencing of change requests will be accomplished at the Prioritization meeting. CLECs may take into account the size and scope when prioritizing items.

During the Release Package Meeting, BellSouth will present its proposed release package for the release being scoped and provide a planning view of remaining change requests that may be scheduled for the next CLEC production release(s)¹¹.

BellSouth may develop several variations of release packages.

The CLECs' prioritization will be used for order of implementation into this CLEC Production Release. The order of implementation may be altered only with CLEC concurrence.

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¹¹ Capacity estimates for change requests and releases will be used as a guide in determining how many change requests will be assigned to these releases.



CLEC/BST consensus will be used to create the Approved Release Package. CLECs, based on group consensus, may request changes to the proposed scope (like for like-size CR's). BellSouth will evaluate and determine the impacts of the requested changes and re-present the proposed package to the CLEC community. CLEC/BST consensus will be used to create the Approved Release Package.

Monitoring and Reporting Post-Release Capacity Utilization

BellSouth will track the capacity per the above categories and provide a Year-To-Date (YTD) percent capacity used. This report will be provided at CCP on a quarterly basis, beginning with calendar year 2002. Appendix I provides the report format.

Part 5: Release Capacity Forecasting, Allocation, and Reporting

Forecast and Planning Information

9. In order to facilitate joint planning for long term development between BellSouth and CLECs and production support capacity plans, two OSS development forecasts and specifications will be shared. BellSouth presents the number of production releases and dates targeted to reflect 60 weeks (14 months). BellSouth presents the total capacity (units) of each Release and the capacity available (units) for the implementation of the change requests. At the same time, and for the same period of time, BellSouth will provide an outlook with high-level description of the items to be included in each upgrade release. Included in this outlook will be the size in units of the release capacity and the size in units of the capacity remaining within the release.

For Type 3 Industry changes, BellSouth will provide the preliminary feature-sizing model at the beginning of the calendar year. The remaining annual capacity will be allocated according for the defined categories per the Change Control Process document.

All release capacity not required to implement Type 2, Type 3, and Type 6 changes will be utilized for the implementation of Type 4 and 5 changes. The CLEC prioritization will include an order of implementation that BellSouth may alter only with CLEC concurrence.

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Pre-Release Capacity

BellSouth will provide preliminary unit measurement estimates accompanying each change request that can be used by the CLECs during prioritization. BellSouth will provide the total number of units available for a specific release to be utilized as a tool for prioritization. Total number of units will be provided as follows:

Total Release Units

- Units required to perform release maintenance
- Units required to implement public switched network mandates such as NPA overlays and Number Pooling
- Units required to implement Type 6 Change Requests
- Units required to implement Type 2 Change Requests
- Units required to implement Type 3 Change Requests
- Remaining units available for the prioritization and implementation of Type 4 and Type 5 Change Requests.

Appendix I-A will be used to present this information.

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7.0 INTRODUCTION AND RETIREMENT OF INTERFACES

Introduction of New Interfaces

Definition

BellSouth will introduce the development and implementation of business requirements and functionality for new interfaces to the CLEC community as part of the Change Control Process. BellSouth will conform to the notification process for Type 4 (BellSouth Originated) changes as described in this document. In the event that BellSouth is forced to deviate from the Type 4 process for new CLEC interface functionality, BellSouth will notify all CLECs of the deviation promptly. A description of the proposed interface will be submitted to the BCCM. The BCCM will add an agenda item to discuss the new interface at the monthly status meeting. BellSouth will be given 30-45 minutes to present information on the proposed interface. If BellSouth requests additional time for the presentation, a separate meeting will be scheduled to review the proposed interface, so that, the information can be presented in its entirety. The objective will be to identify interest in the new interface and obtain input from the CLEC community. BellSouth will provide specifications on the interface being developed to the CLEC community and proactively seek, consider and respond to CLEC comments and requests for enhancements to the specifications. As new interfaces, within the scope of CCP, are deployed, they will be added to the scope of this document and all subsequently requested changes will be managed by this process.

Retirement of Interfaces

Definition

As active interfaces are retired, BellSouth will notify the CLECs through the Change Control Process and post a CLEC Notification Letter to the web six (6) months prior to the retirement of the interface. BellSouth will have the discretion to provide shorter notifications (30-60 days) on interfaces that are not actively used and/or have low volumes. BellSouth will consider a CLEC's ability to transition from an interface before it is scheduled for retirement. BellSouth will ensure that its transition to another interface does not negatively impact a CLEC's business.

BellSouth will only retire interfaces if an interface is not being used, or if BellSouth has a replacement for an interface that provides equal or better functionality for the CLEC than the existing interface.



Retirement of Versions

Definition

When software release versions of a specific interface (e.g., TAG Application Program Interface Version n.n.n) are retired/expired, BellSouth will give CLECs a 180 day advance notification. The Carrier Notification that announces the retirement/expiration of specific interface release versions will also identify when BST will cease CLEC testing of those expiring release versions. For example, BellSouth's TAG, an application interface, has the ability of supporting multiple software release versions per industry map. Therefore, the retirement/expiration of a software release version does not necessarily expire an industry map, but instead only those specific interface release versions. Example of a retirement of a software versions of an interface: On March 8, 2001, BellSouth provided a Carrier Notification Letter that stated effective August 10, 2001, BellSouth would no longer support TAG API versions: 7.1.0.7, 7.5.0:10, and 2.0.0.11.

A CLEC may respond to Change Control with its desire to extend a retirement date. The CLEC must explain why the scheduled retirement date is not acceptable by providing the impact to its business.

BST will maintain an ongoing matrix of current and retired software versions in the monthly change control meeting materials.

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8.0 ESCALATION PROCESS

Guidelines

- The ability to escalate is left to the discretion of the CLEC based on the severity of the missed or unaccepted response/resolution.
- Escalations can involve issues related to the Change Control process itself.
- For change requests, the expectation is that escalation should occur only after normal Change Control procedures (i.e., communication timelines) have occurred per the Change Control agreement.
- Three (3) levels of escalation will be used.
- For Type 1 issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a one (1) day turnaround for each cycle of escalation
- For Types 2-5 issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a five (5) day turnaround for each cycle of escalation (excludes expedites)
- For Type 6 Severity 2 Issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a one (1) day turnaround to provide a status for each cycle of escalation. For Type 6 Severity 3 and 4 issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a 2-5 day turnaround to provide a status for each cycle of escalation.
- For Types 2-5 Expedite Process issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a three (3) day turnaround to provide a status for each cycle of escalation.
- Each level will go through the same Cycle, which is described below.
- All escalation communications may be optionally distributed by the CLEC to the industry and BellSouth Change Control email unless there is a proprietary issue.

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Cycle for Type 1 System Outages

Contact List for Escalation: ECS Group - Type 1 Changes

NOTE: If the originator does not receive a call back from the EC Support Group according to the times specified in this document, they may escalate according to the following list:

Escalation Level	Name and Title	Office Number	Pager Number	Email Address
1st Level	Byron Franklin Manager – EC Support Group	205-733-5400	1-800-693-7243 PIN 17264913	Byron.Franklin@bellsouth.com
	Interconnection Operations			
2 nd Level	Bruce Smith Operations Director EC Support Group	205-988-7211	1-800-542-3260	Bruce.Smith@bellsouth.com
	Interconnection Operations			
3 rd Level	Lynn Smith Senior Director	205-977-0173	N/A	Lsmith12@imcingular.com Lynn.A.Smith@bellsouth.com
	Interconnection Operations			

NOTE: If a call is escalated without first attempting to contact the ECS Helpdesk, the caller will be referred back to the ECS Helpdesk.

Escalation Cycle for Types 2-6 Change Requests

Guidelines

- Item must be formally escalated as an email sent to the appropriate escalation level within BellSouth with a copy to the industry and BellSouth Change Control email.
- Subject of email must be CLEC (CLEC Name) ESCALATION CR#, if applicable, Level of Escalation, unless it is proprietary.
- Content of email must include:
 - o Definition and escalation of item
 - o History of item
 - o Reason for escalation
 - Desired outcome of CLEC
- Impact to CLEC of not meeting the desired outcome or item remaining on current course of action as previously discussed at the Change Control Meeting for enhancements.

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- Contact information for appropriate Level including Name, Title, Phone Number, and Email ID.
- For escalation Level 2, forward original email and include any additional information including the reason that the matter could not be resolved at Level 1.
- For escalation Level 3, forward original email and include any additional information including the reason that the matter could not be resolved at Levels 1 and 2.
- BellSouth will reply to escalation request with acknowledgment of receipt within four (4) hours and begin the escalation process through Level of escalation.
- BellSouth will provide updates to the CLEC when the status changes.
- The escalating CLEC should respond to BellSouth within five (5) days as to whether escalation will continue or the BellSouth response has been accepted as closure to the item.
- If the BellSouth position suggest a change in the current disposition of the item (i.e., what has already been communicated to the industry), a conference call will be held within one (1) business day of the BellSouth decision in order to provide industry notification with the appropriate executives.
- BellSouth will publish the outcome of the conference call to the industry via web.
- If unsatisfied with outcome, either party can seek appropriate relief.

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Contact List for Escalation: Types 2 - 6 Changes

NOTE: Escalations should be made according to the following list:

Escalation Level	Name and Title	Office Number	Email Address
1 st Level	Janet Miller-Fields Operations Assistant Vice- President/BellSouth Customer Care	205-714-0252	Janet.Fields@bellsouth.com
2 nd Level	Brigitte F. Nix General Manager – BellSouth Wholesale Operations – Local Markets	404-927-3545	Brigitte.Nix@bellsouth.com
3 rd Level	Rachel Russell Network Vice President – BellSouth Wholesale Operations	205-943-2606	Rachel.Russell@bellsouth.com

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Dispute Resolution Process

Guidelines

In the event that an issue arises from Section 9, Changes to this Process, or arises from some other Section and is not resolved through the Escalation Process as described herein, including (1) escalation within each company to the person with ultimate authority for Change Control operations, and (2) the services of a joint investigative team, when appropriate, comprised of representatives from BellSouth and the affected CLECs, resolution of the dispute shall be accomplished as set forth below:

- Either BellSouth or any CLEC affected by the dispute may request mediation through the appropriate state regulatory agency, if available. If mediation is requested, parties shall participate in good faith.
- Without necessity for prior mediation, either BellSouth or any CLEC affected by the dispute may file a formal complaint with the appropriate state regulatory agency, requesting resolution of the issue.
- The impacted CLEC has the option to provide notice of any mediations or formal complaints to CCP participants.

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9.0 CHANGES TO THIS PROCESS

Definition

The current, approved version of this process document will be stored under the component name "ccp.doc" (the date of the latest CCP document will be included in the file name). The BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM) (and alternate) will be the only persons authorized to update the document versions.

Requests for changes to the Change Control Process may be submitted to the BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM) using the Change Request form located in the Appendix A. Cosmetic changes (format, typographical errors, clarifications of meaning, etc.) may be made and published by the BCCM (or alternate) without further review. Other changes will be reviewed at the monthly Change Review status meetings following receipt of the request, if included in the published meeting agenda. The CCP participants present at the meeting (in person or by teleconference) will reach an initial determination regarding the requested change(s) by "consensus". For this purpose consensus will mean that no participant has serious objection to the determination of the group. The following initial determination may be applied:

- Meeting Consensus (BellSouth and the other meeting participants have no serious objection to the change. The change will be balloted for Industry Consensus with the indication that a meeting consensus was reached).
- **Contested Issue** (BellSouth and the other meeting participants are unable to reach consensus and the proposals of the parties are firm. The proposals will be balloted for Industry Consensus and the structure of the ballot will indicate that a choice between alternatives must be made).
- Not Ready for Balloting (BellSouth and the other meeting participants are unable to reach consensus and the proposals of the parties are not firm. The request will not be balloted and will remain open for review during subsequent monthly meetings. The CCP participants will continue to use the associated current change control process. Working documentation reflecting both the current and proposed language may be created to facilitate further discussion).
- Implement as Cosmetic (BellSouth and the other meeting participants determine that the requested change is a clarification of meaning with no potential negative impact. The change will be implemented and the Change Request will be updated to implemented status and update distributed as per the normal process).

Subsequent to this initial review, the BCCM and a CLEC representative appointed by the CLECs participating in the review shall prepare an official Email ballot for distribution to determine the Industry Consensus. The official Industry Consensus ballot will detail the change(s) being requested, and the significant arguments presented for and against the change during the review. As noted above, the ballot will indicate whether issues are

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being voted upon as the result of a Meeting Consensus or as a Contested Issue. Each issue presented on the ballot will contain a statement of the change to be approved and in the case of a Contested Issue, a summary of arguments for and arguments against the alternatives. The ballot will be distributed one (1) week following the Status Meeting. CLECs will have one (1) week in which to cast their vote. Only ballots transmitted before midnight of the due date will be counted. The CCCM, or other designated individual will cast each CLEC's vote. Each CLEC is allowed one vote on each issue presented on the ballot. The CCCM, or other designated individual will cast each CLEC's vote.

The ballot (a sample ballot may be found in the Appendix) will allow CLECs to indicate their agreement or disagreement with the proposed change across a three (3) step continuum as shown here:

Α	В	С
Agree	Neutral	Disagree

When a Contested Issue is presented on the ballot, there will be a continuum for each of the alternatives and the voter must disagree with one (and only one) of the two.

Industry Consensus will exist and the change will be implemented whenever two-thirds of votes cast by the due date are cast in categories A and B. BellSouth may not be able to support all requested changes to the process as proposed. BellSouth will provide a supporting reason(s) to substantiate its position. A CLEC may seek relief through the escalation process if dissatisfied with BellSouth's response. No consensus will exist if over 1/3 of votes for a change are cast in category C – "Disagree".



10.0 TESTING ENVIRONMENT

Definition

BellSouth provides support for interface and functionality based testing with CLECs via the following electronic interfaces:

- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS)
- Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG)

BellSouth presently offers two (2) test environments between which the testing categories mentioned below support:

- "Traditional" Testing Environment
- CLEC Application Verification Environment (CAVE)

These test environments offer pre-order capability, in addition to ordering capability using the Local Service Request (LSR) process up to and including the service order processor. These test environments do not presently support volume testing.

The testing opportunities offered by BellSouth are divided into three (3) categories, and are as follows:

- The "New Entrant/New Product" Category supports testing for:
 - o First Time CLEC EDI Implementations
 - o First Time CLEC TAG Implementations
 - Existing EDI CLEC Ordering a new BellSouth Product (REQTYP) for the first time
 - Existing TAG CLEC Ordering a new BellSouth Product (REQTYP) for the first time
- The "New Release" Testing Category supports testing for:
 - o Existing TAG, EDI, and LENS CLECs wanting to test an upcoming BellSouth release in CAVE prior to its production implementation
 - o Existing TAG CLEC upgrading to a new API version
 - o Existing EDI CLEC upgrading to a new MAP
- The "Regression" Testing Category supports testing in CAVE for:
 - o Existing EDI CLECs who have made software and/or hardware changes
 - Existing EDI and TAG CLECs utilizing new fields for the first time
 - Existing TAG CLECs using a CAVE supported API version who have made software and/or hardware changes

The above provides a high-level overview of the BellSouth CLEC testing offering. Comprehensive and detailed methods and procedures for the various aspects relating to the BellSouth CLEC testing process and environments can be found in the jointly developed and agreed upon BellSouth/CLEC-Testing Practices and Procedures (TPP)

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document. This, as well as all other CLEC testing related documentation, can be found on the BellSouth testing website at (URL to be provided upon implementation of website).

Production Release Implementation Recommendation:

One week before the CAVE deployment date for each release that is to be tested in CAVE, BellSouth will begin publishing a pre-release testing status report. This report will initially address all release-specific unresolved defects that are found by the internal quality assurance testing groups. Information will be provided as to the nature of each defect, severity, and workaround information (if known). BellSouth will update this report on a daily basis until the production implementation of the release. These updates will address any new defects found by BellSouth's internal testing teams or by CLECs that are testing in the CAVE environment as well as status updates on existing defects.

One week prior to the production implementation of a release that is being testing in the CAVE pre-release cycle, BellSouth will host a conference call with the CLEC community to discuss the status of testing and to address any questions and/or concerns that the CLEC community may have in regards to the release. During this conference call, BellSouth will take a CLEC production implementation recommendation vote for the release.

During the conference call, CLECs eligible to vote will be allowed to:

- Vote to recommend implementation of the release as scheduled (PROCEED)
- Vote to recommend deferral of the release implementation to a later date (DEFER)

Only CLECs who utilize interfaces being impacted by the pending release will be called upon to vote. If a CLEC cannot attend the conference call to cast its vote, they may email its vote to the designated BellSouth representative prior to the conference call. BellSouth will confirm receipt of their vote, and count that vote in the final tally. If a CLEC opts to not participate in the voting process, that decision will be recorded but will not affect the final tally of votes that are actually cast (the majority decision will only be determined by counting votes that are submitted).

In order for a CLEC to cast a "defer" vote, there must exist one of the following two (2) conditions:

- An un-resolved validated Severity 1 defect
- An un-resolved validated Severity 2 defect (with no work-around)

BellSouth will solicit the votes verbally from the eligible CLECs during the conference call, and compile a list of the individual responses. BellSouth will tally the votes for "Proceed" vs. "Defer". The response that received the most votes will represent the collective CLEC recommendation for the release. In the event that both options receive an equal number of votes, BellSouth will treat this as a "deadlock" vote.

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Once the CLEC recommendation has been determined, BellS outh will publish the recommendation in the daily testing status report that is published on the day that the vote took place. The report will include the collective decision (Proceed, Defer or Deadlock), as well as a list of those CLECs who participated in the voting process and the vote that each CLEC submitted. BellSouth will then use this recommendation, combined with the recommendations of its quality assurance testing teams and the information collected during the pre-release testing cycle to make a final decision as to whether or not the release is implemented on the targeted date.

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11.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Individual(s) having responsibility for completing and producing the outputs of each sub-process as defined in the Detailed Process Flow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT NOTIFICATION

Notification returned to originator by BCCM indicating receipt of Change Request.

APPROVED RELEASE PACKAGE

Calendar of Candidate Change Requests with consensus target implementation dates as determined at the Release Package Meeting.

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BELLSOUTH CHANGE CONTROL MANAGER (BCCM)

BellSouth Point of Contact for processing all Change Requests.

BFR (Bonafide Request)

Process used for providing custom products and/or services. Bonafide Requests are outside the scope of the Change Control Process and should be referred to the BellSouth CLEC Care Organization.

BUSINESS DAY

A business day is considered any Monday-Friday workday that does not fall on an official BellSouth holiday.

BUSINESS RULES

The logical business requirements associated with the Interfaces referenced in this document. Business Rules determine the when and the how to populate data for an Interface. Examples of data defined by Business Rules are:

- The five (5) primary transactions sets: 850, 855, 860, 865 and 997
- Data Element Abbreviation and Definition
- Activity Types at the appropriate level (account, line, feature) and the associated Usage Type (optional, conditional, required, not applicable, prohibited)
- Conditions/rules associated with each Activity and Usage Type
 - Dependencies relative to other data elements
 - o Conditions which will be edited within BellSouth's OSSs
- Valid Value Set
- Data Characteristics

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CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION

Notification returned to originator by the BCCM indicating a Change Request has been Canceled for one of the following reasons: Originator cancellation, duplicate request, Training issue, or failure to respond to clarification.

CANDIDATE REQUEST LIST

List of prioritized Change Requests with associated "Need by Dates" as determined at a Change Review Meeting. These requests will be submitted for sizing and sequencing.

CANDIDATE CHANGE REQUEST

Change Requests that have been prioritized at an Change Review Meeting and are eligible for independent sizing and sequencing by BellSouth and each CLEC.

CHANGE REQUEST

A formal request submitted on a Change Request Form, to add new functions, defects or expedited features or Enhancements to existing Interfaces (as identified in the scope) in a production environment.

- Type 1 BellSouth System Outage Notification. A System Outage is where the system is totally unusable or there is degradation in an existing feature or functionality within the interface.
- Type 2 Regulatory Change. Any non-Type 1 changes to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems mandated by regulatory or legal entities, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a state commission/authority or state and federal courts.
- Type 2-5 Expedited Feature Change. The inability for a CLEC to process certain types of LSR's based on the existing functionality to BellSouth's Operational Support Systems (OSS's) that are in the scope of CCP. The change request for an expedite must provide details of the business impact and will fall into one of two categories: 1) A submitted defect that has been re-classified as a feature where the CLEC/BellSouth has determined should be expedited due to impact and 2) an enhancement to an existing interface where the CLEC/BellSouth has determined should be expedited due to impact.
- Type 3 Industry Standard Change. Any non-Type 1 changes to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems required to bring these interfaces in line with newly agreed upon telecommunications industry guidelines.
- Type 4 BellSouth Initiated Change. Any non-Type 1 changes affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems which BellSouth desires to implement on its own accord.
- Type 5 CLEC Initiated Change. Any non-Type 1 changes affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems, which the CLEC requests BellSouth to implement.
- Type 6 CLEC Impacting Defect. Any non-type 1 change that corrects problems discovered in production versions of an application interface. These problems are where the interface is not working in accordance to the BellSouth baseline user requirements or the business rules that BellSouth has published or otherwise provided to the CLECs. In addition, if functional requirements agreed upon by BellSouth and the CLECs, results in inoperable functionality, even though software user requirements and business rules match; this will be addressed as a defect. These problems typically affect the CLEC's ability to exchange transactions with BellSouth and may include documentation that is in error, has missing information or is

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unclear in nature. Type 6 validated defects may not be managed using the Expedited Feature Process as discussed in Section 4, Part 3.

CHANGE REQUEST STATUS

The status of a Change Request as it flows through the Change Control process as described in the Detailed Process Flow.

- C = Request Cancelled. Indicates a Change Request has been canceled due to one of the following reasons (Step 3):
 - CC = Clarification. Requested clarification not received in allotted time (7 days).
 - CD = Duplicate Request. A request for this change already exists.
 - CT = Training. Requested change already exists, additional training may be required.
- **D = Request Purge.** Indicates the cancellation of a Change Request that has been pending for 12 months and has failed to reach the Candidate Request List (Step 3).
- I = Change Implemented. Indicates a Change Request has been implemented in a release (Step 10).
- N = New Change Request. Indicates a Change Request has been received by the BCCM, but has not been validated (Step 2).
- P = Pending. Indicates a Change Request has been accepted by the BCCM and scheduled for Change Review (Step 3 moving to Step 4).
- PC = Pending Clarification. Indicates a Clarification Notification has been sent to the originator, BCCM awaiting response (Step 2 or 3).
- PN = Pending N times. Indicates a Change Request reached the Candidate Request List, was sized but not scheduled for a release and has cycled through the process N number of times. Example: P1 = 2nd time through process, P2 = 3rd time through process, etc (Step 8).
- R = Rejected Request. Indicates a Change Request has been rejected due to cost, industry direction or because it is considered not technically feasible to implement.
- RC = Candidate Request. Indicates a Change Request has completed the Change Review process and been assigned to the Candidate Request List for sizing and sequencing (Step 5).
- S Request Scheduled. Indicates a Change Request has been scheduled for a release (Step 8).

NOTE: BellSouth will respond within seven (7) business days to a CLEC's request for clarification of a specific BellSouth response to a change request.

CHANGE REVIEW MEETING

Meeting held by the Change Review participants to review and prioritize pending Change Requests, generate Candidate Change Requests, and submit Candidate Change Requests for sizing and sequencing.

CHANGE REVIEW PACKAGE

Package distributed by the BCCM 5 – 7 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting. The package includes the Meeting Notice, Agenda, Release Management Status Report, Change Request Log, etc.

CLARIFICATION NOTIFICATION

Notification returned to the originator by the BCCM indicating required information has been omitted from the Change Request and must be provided prior to acceptance of the Change Request. The Change Request will be cancelled if clarification is not received by the date indicated on the Clarification Notification.

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CLEC AFFECTING CHANGE

Any change that potentially may cause a CLEC to modify the way it operates in conducting wholesale business transactions with BellSouth. Modifications to the way CLECs operate in conducting wholesale business transactions with BellSouth include, but are not limited to: (1) changes to CLEC system code; (2) changes in CLECs employee training; (3) changes to CLEC business methods and procedures at the transaction, clarification, or escalation levels (4) changes to the work assignments of CLEC personnel. Internal BellSouth process changes (either software or procedural) unique to the CLEC wholesale environment are CLEC affecting.¹²

CLEC CARE ORGANIZATION

The CLEC Care Organization represents the CLECs and all CLEC interests within BellSouth, that is, it is the CLEC's advocate within BellSouth. Some of the CLEC Care functions are listed below:

- Contract Negotiations
- Enhanced Billing Options Negotiations
- Customer Education
- Technical Assistance
- General Problem Resolution
- Tariff Interpretation
- BonaFide Requests (BFR)
- Production Support
- Collocation
- Testing Support
- Project/Order Coordination
- Rate Quotations

CLEC CHANGE CONTROL MANAGER (CCCM)

Individual CLEC Point of Contact for processing Change Requests.

CSM

Customer Support Manager which supports resale and facility based CLECs.

CYCLE TIME

The time allotted to complete each step in the Change Control Process prior to moving to the next step in the process.

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DEFECT

Any non-type 1 change that corrects problems discovered in production versions of an application interface. These problems are where the interface is not working in accordance to the BellSouth baseline user requirements or the business rules that

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¹² The procedures described in this document apply to all three groupings of the components of "interfaces" as described by the FCC. These include (1) a point of interface (or gateway); (2) any electronic or manual processing links (transmission links) between the interface and BellSouth's internal operations systems (including all necessary back office systems and personnel); and (3) all of the internal operations support systems (or "legacy systems") that BellSouth uses in providing network elements and resale services to competing carriers.



BellSouth has published or otherwise provided to the CLECs. In addition, if functional requirements agreed upon by BellSouth and the CLECs, results in inoperable functionality, even though software user requirements and business rules match; this will be addressed as a defect.

These problems typically affect the CLEC's ability to exchange transactions with BellSouth and may include documentation that is in error, has missing information or is unclear in nature.

Type 6 validated defects may not be managed using the Expedited Feature Process as discussed in Section 4. Part 3.

Defect Change Requests will be assigned one of the following severity levels for the purpose of prioritizing the development of a software correction (excluding documentation defects):

- Severity 1 Critical Problem results in a complete system outage and/or is detrimental to the majority of the development and/or testing efforts. (Note: Severity 1 defects that are discovered in "production" will be classified as a Type 1 System Outage)
- Severity 2 Serious System functionality is degraded with serious adverse impact
 to the users and there is not an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 2
 defects will occur within 10 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's
 defect validation process is scheduled to complete.
- Severity 3 Moderate System functionality is degraded with a moderate adverse impact to the users but there is an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 3 defects will occur within 30 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.
- Severity 4 Cosmetic There is no immediate adverse impact to the users.
 Correction of Severity 4 defects will occur within 45 business days following the date which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.

DEFECT STATUS

The status of a CLEC Impacting Defect Change Request as it flows through the Change Control process as described in the Detailed Process Flow.

- C = Cancelled. Indicates a Change Request has been canceled due to one of the following reasons (Step 3):
 - CC = Clarification. Requested clarification not received in allotted time (2 days).
 - CD = Duplicate Request. A request for this change already exists.
 - CT = Training. Requested change already exists, or CLEC training issue.
- I = Implemented. Indicates a Defect Change Request has been implemented in a release (Step 6).
- N = New Defect Change Request. Indicates a Defect Change Request has been received by the BCCM and the change request form validated for completeness (Step 2).
- PC = Pending Clarification. Indicates a Clarification Notification has been sent to the originator, BCCM awaiting response (Step 2 or 3).
- S = Scheduled for Release. Indicates a Defect Change Request has been scheduled for a release (Step 6).
- V = Validated Defect. Indicates internal analysis has been conducted and it is determined that it is a validated defect/expedite (Step 3).
- W = Workaround Identified. Indicates a workaround has been developed and communicated to impacted CLEC community (Step 4).

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ECS)

ECS is the help desk for reporting system outages or degradation in an existing feature/functionality within an interface. The ECS group works with the CLEC community to resolve system outages/degradation in a timely manner. The telephone number for the ECS group is 1-888-462-8030.

ENHANCEMENT

Functions which have never been introduced into the system; improving or expanding existing functions; required functional changes to system interfaces (user and other systems), data, or business rules (processing algorithms – how a process must be performed); any change in the User Requirements in a production system.

EXCEPTION FEATURE PROCESS

Situations may arise from time to time that require exception treatment for Type 2-5 changes or a Type 6 Defect change that has been reclassified as a feature change request. An exception may involve an Expedited Feature, a Re-classified Defect, or a Negotiated Extended Implementation.

EXPEDITED FEATURE

An expedited feature is the inability for a CLEC to process certain types of LSR's based on the existing functionality to BellSouth's operations support systems (OSS's) that are in the scope of Change Control. The change request for an expedite must provide details of the business impact and will fall into one of two categories: 1) a submitted defect that has been re-classified as a feature where the CLEC/BellSouth has determined should be expedited due to impact and 2) an enhancement to an existing interface where the CLEC/BellSouth has determined should be expedited due to impact. For both reclassified defects and enhancements to an existing interface, the rules surrounding the expedited feature request will be:

- Must be an enhancement to an existing interface
- Will follow the Expedited Feature process flow which is based on the current Types 2-5 process flow using agreed upon intervals with the exception of Steps 4-6 that are eliminated.

The CLEC/BellSouth will be required to give impacts and the consequences for not implementing the feature in the current, or next release, best effort.

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INTERNAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Internal process unique to BellSouth and each participating CLEC for managing and controlling Change Requests.

N

NEED-BY-DATE

Date used to determine implementation of a Change Request. This date is derived at the Change Review Meeting through team consensus. Example: 1Q99 or Release XX.

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NEGOTIATED EXTENDED IMPLEMENTATION

The CLECs and BellSouth collectively may determine that an individual or group of normally prioritized change requests should not be implemented within the normal 60-week interval. A negotiated extended implementation may be requested. As each situation will likely be unique, this process provides the framework in which the CCP member will make the necessary consensus decisions to achieve a negotiated implementation.

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POINTS OF CONTACT (POC)

An individual that functions as the unique entry point for change requests on this process.

PRIORITY

The level of urgency assigned for resource allocation to implement a change. Priority may be initially entered by the originator of the Change Request, but may be changed by the BCCM with concurrence from the originator or the Review Meeting participants. In addition, level of priority is not an indication of the timeframe in which the Change Request will be worked. It is the originator's label to determine the priority of the request submitted.

One of four priorities may be assigned:

1-Urgent. Should be implemented as soon as possible. Resources may be pulled from scheduled release efforts to expedite this item. A need-by date will be established during the Change Review Meeting. A special release may be required if the next scheduled release does not meet the agreed upon need-by date.

2-High. Implement in the next possible scheduled production release, as determined during the Release Package Meeting.

3-Medium. Implement in a future scheduled production release. A scheduled release will be established during the Release Package Meeting.

4-Low. Implement in a future scheduled production release only after all other priorities. A scheduled release will be established during the Release Package Meeting.

PROJECT PLAN

Document which defines the strategy for Release Management and Implementation, including Scope Statement, Communication Plan, Work Breakdown Structure, etc. See Release Management Project Plan template, Attachment B-1.

PROPOSED RELEASE PACKAGE

Proposed set of change requests slated for a release that the BCCM presents to the CLEC community during the Release Package Meeting.

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RELEASE - INDUSTRY

The implementation of new industry standard(s) which may impact and require CLECs to make changes to their interface. An industry release may prohibit the use of an interface upon implementation of the Change(s).

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RELEASE - MAINTENANCE

The implementation of scheduled maintenance of a BellSouth system that does not require CLECs to make changes to their interface or prohibit the use of an interface upon implementation. System downtime may be required.

RELEASE - PRODUCTION

The implementation of scheduled Change(s) which may impact and require the entire CLEC community to make changes to their interface. A production release may prohibit the use of an interface upon implementation of the Change(s).

RELEASE PACKAGE

Package distributed by the BCCM listing the Candidate Change Requests that have been targeted for a scheduled release.

RELEASE CAPACITY MEASUREMENT - PRE-RELEASE CAPACITY

BellSouth will provide preliminary unit measurement estimates accompanying each change request that can be used by the CLECs during prioritization. BellSouth will provide the total number of units available for a specific release to be utilized as a tool for prioritization. Total number of units will be provided as follows:

Total Release Units

- Units required to perform release maintenance
- Units required to implement public switched network mandates such as NPA overlays and Number Pooling
- Units required to implement Type 6 Change Requests
- Units required to implement Type 2 Change Requests
- Units required to implement Type 3 Change Requests
- Remaining units available for the prioritization and implementation of Type 4 and Type 5 Change Requests.

Appendix I-A will be used to present this information.

RELEASE CAPACITY MEASUREMENT REPORT - POST RELEASE

At the end of each quarter BellSouth will provide a report listing the percent YTD capacity used during the quarter. Quarterly report is APPENDIX I. The process is effective January 2002 with Release 10.3.1. Attached to this report will be a list of all Type 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 change requests that were implemented.

RELEASE PACKAGE NOTIFICATION

Package distributed by the BCCM and used to conduct an initial Release Management and Implementation meeting. The package includes the list of participants, meeting date, time, Approved Release Package, Defect and/or Expedite Notification, etc.

RELEASE SCHEDULE

Schedule that contains the intended dates for implementation of software enhancements. This release schedule is created annually.

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SEVERITY LEVELS (TYPE 6 DEFECTS)

Severity 1 – Critical – Problem results in a complete system outage and/or is detrimental to the majority of the development and/or testing efforts (Note: Severity 1 defects that are discovered in "production" will be classified as a Type 1 System Outage).

Severity 2 – Serious – System functionality is degraded with serious adverse impact to the users and there is not an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 2 defects will occur within 10 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.

Severity 3 – Moderate – System functionality is degraded with a moderate adverse impact to the users but there is an effective work-around. Correction of Severity 3 defects will occur within 30 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.

Severity 4 – Cosmetic – There is no immediate adverse impact to the users. Correction of Severity 4 defects will occur within 45 business days following the date upon which BellSouth's defect validation process is scheduled to complete.

SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed, exact document(s) describing enhancement and/or defects, business processes and documentation changes requested and included with the Change Request as additional information.

SYSTEM OUTAGE

A System Outage is where the system is totally unusable or there is degradation in an existing feature or functionality within the interface.

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VERSION (DOCUMENT)

Indicates variation of an earlier Change Control process document. Users can identify the latest version by the version control number.

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APPENDIX A – CHANGE CONTROL FORMS

See Attached Forms

This section identifies the forms to be used during the initial phases of the Change Control process accompanied by a brief explanation of their use. Attachments A1 = A4A contains sample Change Control forms and line by line Checklist.

Change Request Form.

Used when submitting a request for a change (Attachment A-1)

Change Request Form Checklist.

Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Change Request form (Attachment A-1A).

Change Request Clarification Response.

Used when responding to request for clarification or Clarification Notification (Attachment A-2).

Change Request Clarification Checklist.

Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Change Request Clarification Response (Attachment A-2A).

Acknowledgment Notification.

Advises originator of receipt of Change Request by BCCM (Attachment A-3).

Acknowledgment Notification Checklist.

Provides line-by-lines instructions for completing the Acknowledgment Notification. (Attachment A-3A).

Cancellation Notification.

Advises the originator of cancellation of a Change Request (Attachment A-3)

Cancellation Notification Checklist.

Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Cancellation Notification. (Attachment A-3B).

Clarification Notification.

Advises originator that a Change Request is being held pending receipt of additional information (Attachment A-4).

Clarification Notification Checklist.

Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Clarification Notification. (Attachment A-4A).

Letter of Intent.

CLEC provides notice of intent to implement a TCIF compliant interface within a specified timeframe. (Attachment A-5).

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APPENDIX B - RELEASE MANAGEMENT

See Attached Forms

Release Management and Project Implementation are described in Step 10 of the Change Control Process. Project Managers are responsible for confirming the release date, developing project plans and requirements, providing the WBS, Gantt chart and Executive Summary to the BCCM for input to the Change Review Package and ensuring the successful implementation of the release.

The BST Change Control Manager (BCCM) will distribute the Release Notification Information via web. The Notification should contain the following information:

- List of participants (Project Managers from each stakeholder)
- Date(s) for the next Project Manage Release meeting(s)
- Times
- Logistics
- Meeting facilitator and minutes originator (rotated between stakeholders)
- Current Maintenance/Defect Notification Information (web posting)
- Draft Release Project Plan WBS (email attachment created by the Lead Project Manager(s) assigned in Step 8 of the Change Control Process)
- Lead Project Manager(s) assigned to the Release with reach numbers(s)

Attachments B1-B12 contain templates designed to assist the Project Manager(s) in conducting project management responsibilities as needed for Release Management and Implementation.



APPENDIX C – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

See Attached Documents

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APPENDIX D – BST VERSIONING POLICY FOR INDUSTRY STANDARD ORDERING INTERFACES

Since August 1998, BellSouth's policy, which is stated in its Statement of Generally Accepted Terms (SGAT) and standard interconnection agreement, has been to support two industry standard versions of the applicable electronic interfaces at all times. Currently, the EDI and TAG electronic interfaces are maintained this way, because they are the interfaces that require the CLEC to "build" its side of the interface to use the new standard. The two industry standard versions of an interface are maintained when BellSouth is implementing an entirely new version of an interface based on new industry standards, not when BellSouth is simply enhancing an existing interface. Periodically, the standards organizations for an interface will issue a new set of standards. After submitting the new standards to the CCP to determine how and when they will be implemented, BellSouth will introduce a new version of that interface based on the new standards. BellSouth will keep the "old" version of the interface based on the old industry standards "up" for those CLECs that have not had enough time to build their side of the interface to the new industry standards. BellSouth gives CLECs six (6) months advance notice of the implementation of electronic interfaces based on new industry standards.

When a new industry standard for the interface is issued, the most recent prior industry standard version of the interface will be frozen - no changes will be made to the old version of the interface. Defects (Severity 2 and 3) in a frozen map will be corrected based on a collaborative discussion between BST/CLECs and based on user input. BellSouth will support both the new industry standard version and the old industry standard version until the next set of industry standards is issued. Then, BellSouth will support the two most recent industry standard versions of the interface. If, for example, version A were based on the current industry standards, then following the implementation of version B based on the new industry standards, BellSouth would freeze version A until the implementation of version C. Upon the implementation of the version C of the interface based on the newest industry standards, BellSouth would no longer support version A, would freeze version B, and would support both version C and the frozen version B until the implementation of next set of the industry standards.

For example, in March 1998, BellSouth released a new industry standard version of EDI based on TCIF version 7.0. Between March 1998 and January 2000, BellSouth implemented a series of major releases (4.0 and 5.0) and a series of "point releases" (4.1, 4.2, etc. and 5.1, 5.2, etc.). The final "point release" of EDI was Release 5.8. In January 2000, BellSouth implemented Release 6.0 of EDI based on TCIF 9.0. When this occurred, BellSouth began maintaining Release 5.8 alongside of Release 6.0 of EDI.

NOTE: Because LENS is not an industry standard, machine-to-machine interface, LENS is not covered under the policy described above.

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APPENDIX E – SUB-TEAM DEFINITION AND ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

A Sub-Team will be formed for issues that are more effectively addressed in a small group setting.

The Sub-Team will consist of CLECs and BellSouth who volunteer to participate in meeting(s) to address a specific issue. This team will be responsible for presenting information and making recommendations to the CLEC participants of Change Control.

The Change Control Management Team will be responsible for coordinating meetings and the flow of communication.

The Sub-Team leader or representative will participate in each Monthly CCP Status Meeting occurring during the life of the Sub-Team.

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Appendix F – Sample Voting Ballot

APPENDIX F - "SAMPLE" VOTING BALLOT

ITEM NO. XX - Meeting Consensus Description of Section	☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree
ITEM NO. XX – Contested Consensus (Voters must disagree with one (1) of the following recommendations and indicate ranking of the other) Description of Section	Agree Neutral Disagree
CLEC Recommendation BellSouth Recommendation	Agree Neutral Disagree

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APPENDIX G – CARRIER NOTIFICATIONS

Carrier Notifications for updates to the Local Exchange Ordering Guide – Volume 1 and the BellSouth Business Rules for Local Ordering (BBR-LO) indicate if the change impacts documentation only or the electronic and/or manual ordering processes, if known. Details of the change are contained in the Summary of Changes that is distributed to the CLECs via email.

Change Request number(s) will be listed in the associated Carrier Notifications for software releases, if applicable. Associated documentation changes for software releases are also reflected in the Carrier Notification Letter.

A table consisting of the scheduled release dates and an itemization of release features is attached to each revised Carrier Notification letter. Each revised letter provides direct access to the original letter.

NOTE: BellSouth Carrier Notifications are located on the BellSouth Interconnection Website at: www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/main/clec.html

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APPENDIX H – Preliminary Feature Sizing Model for CCP Prioritization Planning

CR Number :	DI	ESCRIPTION:	Draft User Requirement: (Y/N)	Synergies with Other Related CRs
Type CR:				
Systems	System impacted Y/N	Level of Work Effort: List Number of Units. (incremental units in quarters is permissible) 1 Unit=100 Release Cycle Hours	Constraints/ Comments	Integrated Testing Required (Y/N)
LENS				
TAG				
EDI		1		
LESOG				
LEO				
LNP				
SGG				
DOM				
Other (List each)				
Total Units				

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Field Description:

CR Number: The Change Control Process Change Request Number (CR) assigned to feature.

Type CR: Type 4 (BST Initiated) or Type 5 (CLEC Initiated)

Description: The Change Control Process Change Request description that coincides with the CR Number.

Draft User Requirement: (Y/N): Yes indicates a Draft User Requirement was available when sizing was performed. No indicates a Draft User Requirement was not available when sizing was performed.

Synergies with Other Related Change Requests: List of related change requests that may benefit from being implemented at the same time as this feature.

Systems: A list of CLEC interface systems and key operation support systems that will require a work effort to implement this feature.

LENS – Local Exchange Navigation System

TAG - Telecommunications Access Gateway

EDI – Electronic Data Interchange

LESOG - Local Exchange Service Order Generator

LEO – Local Exchange Ordering

LNP – Local Number Portability

SGG – Service Gate Gateway

DOM – Delivery Order Manager

System impacted: Yes indicates this system will require a level of work effort to implement this feature. No indicates this system will not require a level of work effort.

Level of Work Effort: List Number of Units. (incremental units in quarters is permissible.): The total number of planning, analysis, design, code development, testing and implementation units required for the implementation of this change request. One Unit=100 Release Cycle Hours.

Release Cycle Hours (RCH): RCH = the total number of hours estimated for planning, analysis, design, code development, testing and implementation for a single change request.

Constraints/Comments: If a constraint in implementing this feature is critical to implementation it will be listed. For example, if a system affected has an annual release schedule, this will be listed as a constraint.

Integrated Testing Required (Y/N): Yes indicates that integration testing is required. No indicates there is no integration testing required.

Total Units: Equals the total units of systems impacted.

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Appendix I: Monitoring and Reporting Post- Release Capacity Utilization

Annual Release Capacity Utilization – YTD Quarterly Report										
Categories	egories 1Q			2Q 3Q		4Q		YTD /	EOY	
	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%
Maintenance										
PSN Mandate									f	
Regulatory (Type 2)						1	1			,
Defects (Type 6)						ı				
Industry (Type 3)					4	ı				
BellSouth (Type 4)										
CLEC (Type 5)										
Total										

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Appendix I-A: Reporting Pre-Release Estimated Capacity Forecasting Used for Capacity Planning Only Effective with 2003 Release Schedule

Updated Quarterly after Prioritization Meetings

Annual Estimated Release Capacity Forecast									
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¹³ Defines the type release: maintenance, industry, CLEC production or BST production ¹⁴ Depicts the total estimated capacity available for this release prior to assignment of any features. The total estimated capacity for each planned release for the year will be provided annually.

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Appendix I-A: Reporting Pre-Release Estimated Capacity Forecasting Used for Capacity Planning Only

BellSouth (Type 4) see note: a			,		
CLEC (Type 5) see note: a					
Total see note:				1	,

Notes:

- a. Estimated release capacity for the Type 2s (flow-through), 4s and 5s fields will be summed from the individual feature sizing information provided in appendix H. Implementation of any specific feature is not firm until delivery of the release package for a specific release.
- b. Estimated release capacity for Type 3 (ELMSx) field will be assigned on a release level.
- c. PSN (i.e., NPA splits) mandates, Type 6s and maintenance features are intended for implementation within maintenance releases based on mandated dates, defect intervals and maintenance intervals respectively. Estimated release capacity for these work activities cannot be provided in advance by separate category due to the normal short duration from identification of need to implementation. These are implemented only on an as needed basis.
- d. For production releases, this represents the summing of the features (flow through, BST initiated and CLEC initiated) that have a corresponding appendix H Form. It would not reflect other features such as mandates that may by ordered and will require capacity from the release resulting in a downward adjustment to this total. For maintenance and industry releases, it should equal the total estimated capacity per release (units).

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Appendix J - Changes to Legacy/Backend Systems

Changes to Legacy/Backend Systems for Pre-Ordering, Ordering, Provisioning, Maintenance, Billing and Repair or wholesale work center operations

RSAG - Regional Street Address Guide:

Release Date	Possible CLEC Impact	Release Information
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Change Request CR0896 – Modify CAVE to Allow CLECs to Test Using Own Company-Specific Data

To be completed by BCCM only:

(1) CHANGE REQUEST LOG # CR 0896

(2) STATUS RC

) STATUS

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To be completed by CCI	M or BellSouth:				÷.	
(3) REQUEST TYPE	☐ TYPE 2 (REGULATOR)	TY) (INDUS		☐ TYPE 4 (BST) 🖾	TYPE 5 (CLEC)
	TYPE 6 (DEFECT) NOTE COMPLETE SECTION	FEATU	PEDITED IRE	☐ FLOW-T	HRU	
SECTION 1						
(4) COMPANY NAME (5) OCN	,	CLEC Communi	ty (AT&T, World0	Com etc)		eri e ledak deser 1900 Jiron edelik e
(6) CCM NAME		Bernadette Seig	ler		Ng 867	t mag saga sa Sagan Tagan
(7) TELEPHONE NUM	IBER	404-810-8956		,	****	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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(10) ALTERNATE CCI	M NAME	Tyra Hush				A Commence of the second
(11) ALTERNATE PHO	NE NUMBER	703-341-7536				
(12) ORIGINATOR'S N	IAME	CLEC Communi	ty (AT&T, WorldC	Com etc)		
(13) ORIGINATOR'S P NUMBER	HONE					
(14) TITLE OF CHANG	E REQUEST			est using own corest accounts witho		data with live CLEC count status.
(15) CATEGORY		ADD NEW F	UNCTIONALITY	⊠ c⊦	IANGE EXISTIN	IG
(16) DESIRED DUE DA	TE	October 1, 20	02	•		
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(18) ORIGINATING CCM ASSESSMENT OF PRIORITY	☑ URGENT	☐ HIGH	☐ MED	DIUM LOW
(19) INTERFACES IMPACTED				
PRE-ORDERING	LENS	⊠ TAG	□ csотs	
ORDERING	⊠ EDI	∠ LENS	⊠ TAG	□ LNP
MAINTENANCE	☐ TAFI	☐ EC-TA Local	,	
MANUAL				
(20) TYPE OF CHANGE (Check one or more, as applicable)				i
☐ Software ☐ Product & Service	es 🛛 Documer	ntation 🔲 Hardv	vare	⊠ New or Revised Edits
☐ Regulatory ☐ Industry Standard	ds 🛭 Process	⊠ Other	+	□ Defect
☐ Expedited Feature ☐ Flow Thro	ough			
(21) DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED CHANGE (Including purpose and benefit received from this change. Include attachments	with the option to	use BST or CLE	C accounts	t using their own data c. ECs to submit LSRs with
if available)	their company sp	oecific data (CC/C		CCNA/ACNA/AECN,
				tablished for that CLEC counts.
	following options 1) take orders th		and billing	s, CLECs need the
	testing generic of ACNA/CCNA: ZL	ompany codes (C _M) and present a ınt of back-end ap	C/OCN: of account info	ead of the BellSouth 9999 with rmation will significantly odifications required by
(22) REQ TYP(s) IMPACTED:	All			
(23) ACT TYP(s) IMPACTED:	All			
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(24) PROVIDE EXAMPLE OF REQUESTED CHANGE:	test accounts bu able to submit a their own compa generic test acco submit orders vi their production (live production a of their test case	ilt under the 9999 LSR making char ny code data. Thi bunt may be built a a LSR containin CC, BAN, AECN, ccounts in their cu	-company on the company of the compa	cases that are tied to code, CLECs would be re or test account using at even though the 1999, the CLEC could appany specific data (i.e. is could also test using se that meet the intent modify the CLEC end kend systems.
(25) Identify the LSOG versions that are affected by this change				

This section to be completed by BellSouth	only:
(26) Does this request require clarification?	☐ YES ☑ NO
(27) Clarification Request Sent	
(28) Clarification Response Due	
(29) Change Request Review Date	12/11/02
(30) Target implementation Date	
(31) Actual Implementation Date	·
(32) Change Review Meeting Results	08/06/02 Being reviewed by BellSouth. 08/20/02- E-mail response sent to CLECs. BellSouth is unable to support this request due to cost. 1. Coding to allow CLECs to use their own accounts as test accounts through CAVE - Estimated cost \$1.2M 2. Additional test provisioning and billing environments to allow testing through provisioning and billing - Estimated cost \$4.350M BellSouth would be willing to support Item 1, if AT&T/CLEC Community would consider that portion of the request as a separate item. 08/28/02 On the 08/28/02 CCP CLEC Monthly Status Conference call, BellSouth separated this request into two parts: 1) Live accounts − This would involve a considerable amount of coding. Filters would be needed to the production environment. Estimated cost is \$1.2M. 2) Production & Billing − A test site would need to be established. A separate billing system would be needed for CRIS, CABS, and associated systems. Estimated cost is \$4.350M. BellSouth agreed to revisit CR0896 and targeted providing a response in two to three weeks. Bernadette also agreed to update CR0896, part 2, to reflect that this applies to CLEC accounts. CR to be placed in PC status. 09/23/02 BellSouth response sent to AT&T/MCI/CLECs. CLEC Request ✓ Allow CLECs to use own company specific live accounts for testing without impacting account status in production BellSouth Response ✓ BellSouth accepts this portion of the request with the following conditions. ○ CLECs shall provide a 60-day lead time to set up CLEC accounts in CAVE ○ CLEC accounts in CAVE

maintenance and billing of these accounts

 ✓ Allow CLECs to test through completion (provisioning and billing)

BellSouth Response

- CLECs would be responsible for ordering and coordinating installation of test lines
- Flagged orders would be allowed to pass to production for provisioning and billing
- ✓ CLECs would assume provisioning and billing costs for each order

CLECs understand that these are test orders and are not reflected in any metrics

11-21-02 - Updated BellSouth Response

To ensure that the scope of this change request was fully addressed, BellSouth discussed the desired changes with the participants of the 10/1/02 CLEC Testing Process meeting.

Based upon the information collected during that meeting, BellSouth compiled a table listing each type of testing data scenario a CLEC might want to execute in CAVE (SEE ATTACHMENT "A"). This table was designed for the purpose of allowing BellSouth and the CLECs to reach mutual agreement regarding the exact nature of this request and the "optimal" mode of operation for CAVE.

This information was sent to the CCP distribution list on 10/30/02, and then reviewed in the 11/21/01 Testing Process meeting. During the testing process meeting, it was agreed that BellSouth would update this CR with the table. This would serve as a follow-up proposal outlining which portions of this CLEC request BellSouth is able to accommodate.

It is important to note that the contents of Attachment "A" serve as BellSouth's official proposal for implementing this change request. As such, upon approval and implementation of this CR only items listed in Attachment "A" would be addressed. This also means any notes/proposals outlined previously in the CR would not be addressed, unless similarly listed in Attachment "A."

Due to technically feasibility constraints, the "BellSouth Proposed Backed Processing" listed for each scenario would be used in the event that it differs from the CLEC proposed backend processing. Otherwise BellSouth will use the CLEC proposed backend processing.

This table also addresses testing using "live" CLEC owned test accounts. In previous comments, BellSouth indicated that a 60-day lead-time would be required for the manual establishment of such accounts. During the September CCP status call, concern was expressed regarding this proposal, particularly regarding the

lead-time involved. Therefore, BellSouth revisited this item and revised its proposal. This revision is listed in Attachment "A", in the "Assumptions" section of the table. Under the modified process, BellSouth would not manually establish "live" production test accounts for individual CLECs (Using their company code. etc). Instead, the CLEC would establish those accounts using the regular production ordering process (either via manual or electronic ordering means), since these would be real, active, live working lines/circuits. Once the accounts are established, when the CLEC request to test with BellSouth, they would simply provide the account data to the BellSouth Testing Team for the purpose of defining a test plan. Under this revision, the CLEC would have control over how and when those accounts are configured, installed, billed, etc - just as they would with any other production order. Billing would also be generated, since these lines would bill real charges to the CLECs just as any of their other customers' lines would.

12-12-02 CR0896 discussed at the 12-11-02 Change Review Meeting. CLECs concurred with BST proposal outlined in Attachment A. CR0896 prioritized by CLECs. Ranked #8 of 21. Status changed to "Candidate Request".

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(37) RELEASE OR API VERSION (If applicable)			*	सा १ जार २००५ से अस्ति।
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(40) CLARIFICATION NEEDED:	YES	☐ NO		•
(41) VALIDATED DEFECT IMPACT LE	VEL:	HIG	H _ MEDIUN	l 🗌 LOW
(42) VALIDATION TYPE: DEFE	СТ	FEATUR	E TRAININ	GISSUE DUPLICATE
(43) DEFECT IMPACTS OTHER CLECS	37	YES [□ NO	
(44) INTERFACES IMPACTED BY DEF	ECT:	☐ EDI	☐ TAG	LNP LENS
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(45) TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DAT	E:			
(46) ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION DAT	E:			
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- ATTACHMENT A - CR 0896 CAVE Testing Data Scenarios

		Γesting Data Scenari	0 ()	Вас	k-End Process	ing
#	LSR Company Data: (Partially tied to CLEC Q-Account) Examples of LSR Fields: CC, ACNA, AECN, BAN, CIC	LSR End User Based Data: (Tied to CRIS/CABS Account) Examples of LSR Fields: End User Name, Address, Features & Services)	Service Order Allowed to Complete:	CLEC Preferred Back- End Processing:	BellSouth Proposed Back- End Processing:	Notes:
1	BellSouth Test Company	BellSouth Test Account	No	No Preference	No Preference	This scenario is presently available today in the CAVE environment. Summary: BellSouth presently supports this testing scenario.
2	CLEC	BellSouth Test Account	No	Generates service order with CLEC company information temporarily imposed on BellSouth test account information. Reason: Allows testing of back-end edits applied to CLEC specific information on service orders (i.e. Contract/Rate Database).	Generate service order with BellSouth test company information. Reason: The service order must reflect the data on the existing CRIS account. It is not technically feasible for BellSouth to dynamically update the CRIS database to allow mapping of a CLECs company	Benefit of Scenario: Allows CLEC to test with data they may not have in their existing customer base. (I.e. customers with 20+ lines, niche features, etc.). Summary: BellSouth would be able to support this testing data scenario, but not the preferred method for back-end processing.



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F	-	Testing Data Scenario	` `	Back-End Processing			
#	LSR Company Data: (Partially tied to CLEC Q-Account) Examples of LSR Fields: CC, ACNA, AECN, BAN, CIC	LSR End User Based Data: (Tied to CRIS/CABS Account) Examples of LSR Fields: End User Name, Address, Features & Services)	Service Order Allowed to Complete:	CLEC Preferred Back- End Processing:	BellSouth Proposed Back- End Processing:	Notes:	
				- - -	specific data to a generic test account used for multiple CLECs testing in CAVE.		
3a	CLEC	CLEC Pre-Established Account designated for Testing	No	Generates service order with CLEC company information and CLEC end user information – Same as production.	Same as production.	Summary: BellSouth can support this testing scenario.	
3b	CLEC	CLEC Pre-Established Account designated for Testing	Yes	Generates service order with CLEC company information and CLEC end user information — Same as production. Reason: Allows CLEC to "test" the production changes to a live working line, which the CLEC has designated as a "test account".	Same as production.	Summary: BellSouth can support this testing scenario.	
4	CLEC	CLEC Live End User	No	Generates service order with CLEC company information and CLEC end user information – Same as	Same as production.	Benefit of Scenario: This emulates every aspect of a regular production order, however to prevent	



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Partially tied to CLEC -Account) xamples of LSR felds: CC, ACNA, ECN, BAN, CIC	LSR End User Based Data: (Tied to CRIS/CABS Account) Examples of LSR Fields: End User Name, Address, Features & Services)	Service Order Allowed to Complete:	CLEC Preferred Back- End Processing:	BellSouth Proposed Back- End Processing:	Notes:
			production.		changes actually occurring to the live end user the service order is not allowed to fully process to completion. Summary: BellSouth is able to support this testing
el	ds: CC, ACNA,	ds: CC, ACNA, End User Name, Address,	ds: CC, ACNA, End User Name, Address,	ds: CC, ACNA, End User Name, Address, EN, BAN, CIC Features & Services)	ds: CC, ACNA, End User Name, Address, EN, BAN, CIC Features & Services)

Assumptions:

- 1. "CLEC Pre-Established Account designated for Testing" would be billed to the CLEC, would appear with their other production end user accounts in billing and reports, and would be installed at a location obtained by the CLEC. As such, request to initially build these accounts designated as "CLEC Test Accounts" would be submitted via the existing production ordering process via manual or electronic LSR without testing team involvement.
- 2. The "LSR End User Based Data" implies which type of account will be used. This account must have the features/services required to support the requested test. (i.e. CLEC request to test removal of call waiting. A test account that has call waiting must be used for this test).
- 3. If "Service Order Allowed to Complete" is "NO", BellSouth can still simulate a completion notice for the CLEC, if requested.

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Change Request CR0897 - Expand CAVE to Support Increased CLEC Testing

To be completed by BCCM only:

(1) CHANGE REQUEST LOG # CR 0897

(2) STATUS R

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(3) REQUEST TYPE	☐ TYPE 2 (REGULATORY)	☐ TYPE 3 (INDUSTRY)	TYPE 4 (BST)					
	TYPE 6 (DEFECT) NOTE: COMPLETE SECTION 2	☐ EXPEDITED FEATURE	☐ FLOW-THRU					
SECTION 1								
(4) COMPANY NAME	CLEC Community (AT&T, WorldCom etc)							
(5) OCN								
(6) CCM NAME	Be	rnadette Seigler		,				
(7) TELEPHONE NUMBER (8) CCM EMAIL ADDRESS		404-810-8956						
		bseigler@att.com;						
(9) CCM FAX NUMBER		281-664-3731						
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(13) ORIGINATOR'S P NUMBER	HONE							
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(15) CATEGORY		ADD NEW FUNCTIONALITY	⊠ CHANGE E	XISTING				
(16) DESIRED DUE DA	TE Oc	ctober 1, 2002						

(17) ORIGINATING CCM ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT	⊠ HIGH	☐ MEDIUM	Low		
(18) ORIGINATING CCM ASSESSMENT OF PRIORITY	☑ URGENT	☐ HIGH	☐ MEDIUM	Low	
(19) INTERFACES IMPACTED					
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ORDERING	⊠ EDI	□ LENS	▼ TAG	☑ LNP	
MAINTENANCE	☐ TAFI	☐ EC-TA Local			
MANUAL	☐ Manual				
(20) TYPE OF CHANGE (Check one or more, as applicable)		i .			
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(28) Clarification Response Due					

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- (29) Change Request Review Date
- (30) Target Implementation Date
- (31) Actual Implementation Date

(32) Change Review Meeting Results

08/06/02 Being reviewed by BellSouth.

08/20/02 – E-mail sent to CLECs. BellSouth is unable to support this request due to cost.

Estimated cost for second, separate test environment - \$8M **08/28/02** On the 08/28/02 CCP CLEC Monthly Status Conference call, BellSouth separated this request into two parts:

- BellSouth could support all TAG APIs that are in production. For EDI, there is only one version in production. TAG is backwards compatible so testing for multiple TAG API versions can be supported in CAVE.
- 2) Supporting multiple Encore Releases, Discussion took place on testing multiple Encore Releases, such as 10.5 and 10.6 in CAVE. Currently the code in CAVE is 10.6 and is backwards compatible. Bill Grant commented that when orders are sent to the backend systems, backend edits would apply for the current version of the business rules. If there were changes in business rules from Release 10.5 to 10.6. CLECs would not be able to test 10.5.

BellSouth requested additional time to research Part 2 of this CR, approximately two to three weeks. BellSouth requested that this CR be split into two requests. AT&T and WorldCom (On behalf of CLEC community) will split the issues in CR0897 in order for BellSouth to begin working on the support of Part 1 (Multiple TAG APIs). Part 2 will become a new request for administration purposes in order for BellSouth to continue assessment.

09/23/02 BellSouth response sent to AT&T/WorldCom/CLECs.

CLEC Request

 Expand CAVE to support multiple and simultaneous versions of TAG API and EDI/LSOG

BellSouth Response

- ✓ BellSouth will accept the request to support multiple versions of TAG in CAVE
- ✓ At this time, only one version of LSOG/ELMS is supported in CAVE (Issue 9)
 - When an additional version of ELMS is implemented, i.e., ELMS6, BellSouth will build out CAVE to support both ELMS production maps (in this case, Issue 9 and ELMS6)
 - BellSouth will continue to support one release for each ELMS map in CAVE

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Jointly Developed by the Change Control Sub-team comprised of BellSouth and CLEC Representatives.

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Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 030137-TP Exhibit RMP-4

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Meeting Minutes of Release 11.0 CLEC/BellSouth Conference Call November 4, 2002



MEETING NAME	MINUTES PREPARED BY.	DATE PREPARED
Release 11.0 Status Meeting	Cheryl Storey - Change Management Team	11/5/02

Participants/Attendees

COMPANY
Nightfire
BST - CCP
BST - CCP
BST - Release Mgmt
AT&T
Telcordia
Accenture
ITC Deltacom
DSET
Allegience Telecom
BST - CCP
FL PSC
BST - Testing
BST - CLEC CARE
BST - CLEC CARE
BST - LCSC
BST - CCP
BST - Network Services
AT&T
Telcordia
Covad

PARTICIPANT	COMPANY
Nicole Kisling	Birch
Dee Freeman-Butler	BST - General Manager-Local Operations
Cheryl Storey	BST - CCP
Dale Donaldson	Epb
Kyle Kopytchak	Network Telephone
Tyra Hush	WorldCom
Steve Hancock	BST - CCP
Kevin McCall	BST - User Req'mts
Lucious Turner	BST - Network Svcs
Doyle Mote	BST - LCSC
Alan Tarr	BST - LCSC
Jim Tadlock	BST - SVP
Eric Paschal	BST - Testing
Amanda Butler	BST - CLEC CARE
Janet M. Fields	BST - Customer Care
Gary Jones	BST - Flow Through
Jeff Bragg	BST - TAG XML
Ross Martin	ХО
Sherry Lichtenburg	WorldCom
Mel Wagner	Birch
Cheryl Haynes	Nuvox

Meeting Information History

DATE	START TIME	END TIME
11/4/02	3:00 PM ET	5:00 PM ET
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MEETING PURPOSE

- Review/Discuss Status of Release 11.0
- Review New Action Items & Assign Owners

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Items	Discussion
1. Introductions/Welcome	Valerie Cottingham (BST-Change Management Team) welcomed everyone and stated that the purpose of this call was to discuss the status of Release 11.0. Valerie stated that as BellSouth has progressed through our testing cycle, it has been determined that the number of defects in the software is larger than it should be at this point in the schedule. Given this, BellSouth does not believe a December 8 implementation date can be met with acceptable quality. BellSouth has developed two options for Release 11.0 to review with the CLEC community. The two options were provided via email on 11/1/02.
2. Status of Release 11.0	Jill Williamson (BST) stated that based on where BST is in the release cycle for Release 11.0, specifically the internal test cycle, BST cannot implement a quality release on 12/7/02-12/8/02. The defect rate is higher than it should be at this point in the process; however, BST is working diligently to get the defects corrected. Jill indicated that at this point, it would not be productive to place this release into CAVE on 11/9/02. She indicated that BST has not received generally acceptable code from its vendor. Jill stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review the options for Release 11.0 and to determine the preferred option to move forward with.
	Sherry Lichtenburg (WorldCom) questioned why BST has not received generally acceptable code. Jill replied that the generally acceptable code from the vendor is delivered after the vendor has completed its testing of the code and should be with a minimal defect rate. The code received contains a much higher defect rate than previous BellSouth releases. The two Release 11.0 features with the most defects are: (1) UCL-ND and (2) UNE to UNE Bulk Migrations.
	Mary Conquest (ITC Deltacom) questioned if BST would provide a list of defects prior to CAVE. Jill replied that BST would provide a list of the defects going into CAVE. This list will be provided one week prior to CAVE based on the option that is selected by the CLEC community.



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	Bernadette Seigler (AT&T) commented that there were 59 defects when BST went into CAVE for the last release. Bernadette also stated that based on the FCC filing, there were currently 629 defects. Jill stated that the scope of Release 11.0 is twice as large as 10.5 or 10.6 and much more complex than previous releases. Jill also commented that the 59 defects reflect the number of defects in the code delivered to BST by the vendor, not the number of defects BST went into CAVE with. Jill restated that BST received the initial code from the vendor and that the defect rate in this code was high.	
	Colette Davis (Covad) questioned why the CLECs are just now hearing this information. She also stated that CLECs are placed in a position to respond to a situation that BST and its vendors have created. Colette stated that she is very concerned and that CLECs need to count on releases being implemented when committed.	
	Mel Wagner (Birch) commented that CLECs need a better understanding of how this happened. He stated that Release 11.0 has been delayed once and that Birch submitted an appeal regarding this delay and the appeal was denied. Mel stated that Birch is not willing to push out the Release 11.0 implementation date.	
	Jill stated that given the status of the release, it is not an option to implement Release 11.0 on 12/7/02-12/8/02.	
	Sherry questioned why BST thinks that it will receive good code from its vendor. Jill replied that BST is working with the vendors to correct and turn around defects. BellSouth made the determination last week that the release date for 11.0 would need to be changed and began evaluating alternatives. BST filed with the FCC on Friday, explaining that the Release 11.0 date would not be met and why, and provided the two options that are being presented to the CLECs today.	
	Kyle Kopytchak (Network Telephone) questioned if this is due to a resource issue. Jill replied 'no'. Kyle questioned if this will affect future releases. Jill replied 'no'. Kyle also questioned how defects will be treated that are discovered by CLECs. Jill stated that defects will be handled via the CCP process based on severity. Kyle then questioned if BST had communicated this information to the FCC. Jill replied 'yes'. Kyle asked if the information communicated to the FCC was different than what was being communicated today to the CLECs. Jill replied 'no'. Kyle commented that some defects are reclassified as features and then would need to follow the prioritization process. Kyle requested that BST assist the CLECs with the validation/classification of the items that are defects in this release.	



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	Bernadette questioned what the cause of the delay is. Jill replied that the high rate of defects and the time in which BellSouth has to identify and correct the defects will not allow us to implement the release on December 8. Additionally, this release is more complex, specifically with the UNE-to-UNE Bulk order feature. There is no industry standard for this feature nor has it been implemented by any other ILEC. Bernadette requested that BST provide additional information as to the cause of the delay. BST agreed to provide additional information.	
3. Release 11.0 - Options 1 & 2	Jill presented the two options for Release 11.0:	
!	Option 1:	
	• 12/29/02 Implementation Date	
	• 11/25/02 - 12/27/02 CAVE	
	UNE to UNE Bulk Migrations would be deferred	
	• 1/19/02 - Release 11.1 (defects and XML via Internet)	
	• 3/30/03 – Release 12.0 (add UNE to UNE Bulk Migrations)	
	Releases 12.0, 13.0 and 14.0 keep current schedule and scope	
	Option 2:	
	1/19/03 Implementation Date - Releases 11.0 and 11.1 combined (keeps content of Release 11.0 whole and includes Internet option for XML)	
	• 12/9/02 - 1/17/03 CAVE	
	Releases 12.0, 13.0 and 14.0 keep current schedule and scope	
	CLECs questioned what confidence BST has that the implementation dates for the two options will not change. Jill replied that BST has confidence that the implementation dates in the two options will be met based on the steps BST is taking and the rate for clearing defects.	
	Sherry questioned what is the acceptable number of defects that BST would go into CAVE with for a release. Jill replied that no severity 1 or 2s would go into CAVE.	
	Tami Swenson (Accenture) questioned that if Option 1 is chosen, would resources be available to test during the Holiday season. Jill replied that resources will be available to do CAVE testing with CLECs if Option 1 is selected.	



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	Sherry questioned if there would be an overlap in testing between Releases 11.0 and 12.0 with Option 2. Jill replied that Option 2 would cut the post-soak window short, but not the pre-soak window.
	Sherry asked Jill what option she would select if she was in a CLEC position. Jill replied that it's up to each CLEC's individual needs. From a personal perspective, she would select Option 2 because it includes all of Release 11.0 content.
	Sherry questioned what additional internal checkpoints BST would make. Jill advised that more frequent checks are being made at the officer level within BST and with our vendors. Sherry commented that the CLECs need to understand the root cause to ensure the problem is being addressed. Colette questioned if officers were already aware of these issues. Jill replied that the officers are aware of every release and intervene, if necessary. Kyle questioned if the officers are involved because of 271 and requested that this be added to the CCP guide. Jill replied that our officers have always been kept apprised of the releases and are involved as much as necessary. The internal involvement of personnel is an internal process and shouldn't be documented in the CCP guide.
	Jill commented that BST will have a checkpoint with the CLECs every two weeks.
	Bernadette requested that BST provide capacity per system. Jill stated that this information is not available at the point of prioritization and that, as stated on previous occasions; it is not a fixed number. The capacity varies by application and by phase for each release.
	Dee Freeman Butler (BST) recommended Option 2 because it offers a fewer number of releases in 2003.



Agenda Items	Discussion	
3. CLEC Feedback	After the CLEC meeting, Sherry presented the following:	
	CLECs agree to BellSouth's option 1 with conditions. They requested that BellSouth provide the following information on a twice a week basis:	
	1. Status on Mondays and Thursdays	
	Complete listing of the number of severity 1 and severity 2 defects and the process being used to close them	
	3. Plan to meet the due date	
,	4. Final go/no go on 11/18/02	
	In addition, CLECs want a complete escalation of what BellSouth is doing to ensure that these problems do not continue on an on-going basis, a firm commitment to fix defects found in this release, and an explanation of what actually caused these problems (resources, programmer problems, poor specifications, etc.)	
4. BST Response to CLEC Feedback	Jill indicated that BST can support the checkpoints and will investigate how much detail can be provided. BST committed to provide a response to the CLECs by close of business on 11/5/02. The response regarding root cause information will be provided at a later date.	
5. Summary of New Action Items		

NEW ACTION ITEM: BellSouth to provide a response to the CLEC community by COB on 11/5/02 regarding the CLEC feedback & additional points for Option 1-Release 11.0.

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This sheet transmits the

Carrier Notification SN91083483 (Original, w/o Tables) Release 11.0 System Downtime



BellSouth Interconnection Services

675 West Peachtree Street Atlanta, Georgia 30375

Carrier Notification SN91083483

Date: '

November 22, 2002

To:

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject:

CLECS - Electronic Interface Systems Downtime - ENCORE and Local Number

Portability (LNP) Release 11.0

This is to advise that BellSouth will deploy ENCORE Release 11.0 and LNP Release 11.0 beginning December 27 through December 29, 2002. Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG) Application Program Interface (API) 9.0 will also be included in this release.

The Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS) and TAG systems will be unavailable for Local Service Request (LSR) processing from Noon EST Friday, December 27, 2002, until 9:00 PM EST Sunday, December 29, 2002.

Please refer to the attached table for details of the release.

Please contact your BellSouth Electronic Commerce Account Team with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Hendrix – Assistant Vice President BellSouth Interconnection Services

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Carrier Notification SN91083503 (Revision Notice)
Carrier Notification SN91083483 (Revised Version of Original)
Release 11.0 System Downtime



BellSouth Interconnection Services

675 West Peachtree Street Atlanta, Georgia 30375

Carrier Notification SN91083503

Date: '

December 6, 2002

To:

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject:

CLECs - REVISION to SN91083483 - Electronic Interface Systems Downtime - ENCORE

and Local Number Portability (LNP) Release 11.0

This is to advise that Carrier Notification Letter **SN91083483**, originally posted November 22, 2002, has been revised.

Please refer to the revised letter for details.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JERRY HENDRIX

Jerry Hendrix – Assistant Vice President BellSouth Interconnection Services



BellSouth Interconnection Services

675 West Peachtree Street Atlanta, Georgia 30375

Carrier Notification SN91083483

Date:

December 6, 2002

To:

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject:

CLECs - REVISED - Electronic Interface Systems Downtime - ENCORE and Local

Number Portability (LNP) Release 11.0 (originally posted November 22, 2002)

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The Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS) and TAG systems will be unavailable for Local Service Request (LSR) processing from 1:00 PM EST, Friday, December 27, 2002, until 9:00 PM EST, Sunday, December 29, 2002. The Fax Server for manual LSRs for all of the BellSouth Local Carrier Service Centers (LCSC) will be unavailable from 1:00 PM EST, Friday, December 27, 2002, until normal business operations resume on Monday, December 30, 2002.

In addition, telephone access in all of the BellSouth LCSCs will be unavailable after 3:00 PM EST, Friday, December 27, 2002, until normal business operations resume on Monday, December 30, 2002.

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Sincerely,

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Jerry Hendrix – Assistant Vice President BellSouth Interconnection Services

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		ENCORE Release 11.0	
PRODUCTION	December 29, 2002		
IMPLEMENTATION DATE			
SYSTEM DOWNTIMES	Friday, December 27, 2002, from 1:00 PM EST until Sunday, December 29, 2002 at 9:00 PM EST		
ASSOCIATED	BellSouth Busine	ss Rules posted on August 30, 2002	
DOCUMENTATION			
RELEASE SCOPE	CCP CR#	FEATURES	
	CR0178	Provide Solicited Notifications in TAG (XML Schema)	
	CR0179	TAG Navigator to CORBA Bridge Router (XML Schema)	
	CR0228	ACT of T for REQTYP E and M	
	CR0241	CN Returned on Incorrect LSR Version for xDSL, UCL & EELS, Phase 2	
	CR0461	Ability To Do A Facility Check On LSRs Before The Order Is Completed	
		(Tennessee)	
	CR0492	Flow-Thru Coin LSRs	
	CR0541	Mechanization of Unbundled Copper Loop-Non Designed (UCL-ND)-excluding LNP	
	CR0625	Mech Removal of DSL with UNE-P Conversions, LNA=V	
	CCP CR#	DEFECTS	
	CR0351		
	CRUSST	Listing Activity Only should=REQTYP J & ACT=R, if not, LSR will reject back to CLEC	
	CR0621	ECCKT Not Returned on Mechanized or Manual Loop Orders for Line share Orders	
	CR0758	Mapping Error should send message to CLEC to re-submit LSR	
	CR0758	Line Sharing Order Completion Sequencing Error on R&C Order	
	CR0779		
	CR0801	ISA Time not being returned for PON List Queries for xDSL, UDC and EELS Incorrect next available due date calculated on SUP when no order existed	
	CR0842 CR0850		
	CR0850	xDSL ACT of T Sups should drop for manual handling	
		Auto-Clarify indicating that CLEC does not own the acct	
	CR0873	LENS-disconnect number on REQTYP A may be repeated multiple times on the LSR summary	
	CR0891	LENS is not showing the RESID as populated on the LENS LSR summary	
	CR0895	Inconsistent FOCs for Loop Cancellation	
	CR0920	Pre-Order LMU - Un-numbered House indicator is not working	
	CR0927	UCL-ND Firm Order - Defective Error Message	

 CR1002	Parsed CSR Transactions Error Message
CR0977	PD status notifications returned after CP status is received
CR0937	SUPs Flowing with incorrect version
CR0936	Facilities Check Indicator is not being processed correctly
	orders
CR0930	UCL-ND Firm Order - Cancellation notice not being returned on conversion
CR0929	UCL-ND Firm Order - Completion notice not being returned on conversion orders
CR0928	UCL-ND Firm Order - ECCKT Not Returned on disconnect orders

		LNP Release 11.0 (Formerly 8.0)
PRODUCTION	December 29, 2002	
IMPLEMENTATION DATE		
SYSTEM DOWNTIMES	Sunday, December 29, 2002, from 1:00 AM EST until 12:00 NOON EST	
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	N/A	
RELEASE SCOPE	CCP CR#	FEATURES
	CR0040	Order Tracking Phase 2B
	(Phase 2b)	
	CR0461	Ability To Do A Facility Check On LSRs Before The Order Is Completed (Tennessee)
	CR0625	Mech Removal of DSL with UNE-P Conversions, LNA=V
	CR0729	4-Wire Digital Loops (LNP Only)
	CCP CR#	DEFECTS
	CR0788	LNP intermittently assigns TNs to another customer on Remote Call Forwarding