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Ms. Geraldine A. Matise
Chief, Network Services Division
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Federal Communications Commission
2000 M Street, NW, Room 235
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Request for Expedited Declaratory Ruling Administration of the North America Numbering Plan Carrier Identification Codes (CICs), CC Docket 92-237, Order on Reconsideration, Order on Application for Review and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (October 22, 1997) (CIC Reconsideration Order) **Ex Parte**

Dear Ms. Matise:

In connection with BellSouth's earlier request for advice and assistance in connection with the proper interpretation of the requirements of the CIC Reconsideration Order as they relate to blocking the use of three digit CICs, the following additional information pertains to the use of the associated standard intercept message adopted by the Network Interconnection and Interoperability Forum (NIIF). The intercept message indicates that a dialing pattern change has occurred and instructs the caller to contact the desired carrier for assistance. The NIIF adopted the following intercept message:

"Your call cannot be completed as dialed. If you dialed a 5-digit code, it has changed. Please redial adding a one and a zero before the 5-digit code, or for assistance contact the carrier you are trying to use."

It is BellSouth's intention that the new announcement listed above will replace BellSouth's existing List 232 announcement, which states:

"We're sorry your call cannot be completed with the access code you dialed, please check the code and try again or call your long distance company for assistance."

There were no major discussions or any agreements reached at the NIIF concerning how long this new announcement will be utilized before being replaced.

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At this point in time, it is planned and envisioned that the new announcement will be used by BellSouth for an indefinite period of time covering incorrectly dialed calls involving carrier access codes. A possible exception to this plan would be in the event that the dialing sequence 10XXX is reused for some other application. In any case, the underlying plan is to route misdialed CIC calls to an announcement of some sort, which for now, plans are being executed to install in switches the new announcement message adopted at the NIIF.

The following information pertains to BellSouth's general procedures for use of an intercept message associated with new NPA splits. When the permissive dialing period expires and the mandatory dialing period begins, calls to NXXs utilizing the correct new NPA are appropriately routed. If the old area code is dialed, the call is routed to an intercept message informing the customer to dial the new area code number. The intercept message basically states, "The area code for the number you have dialed has been changed to XXX. Please dial your call again using area code XXX." Such an announcement is used by BellSouth for an approximate one-year time period or until the NXX is assigned for service. If the NXX has not been assigned for service after a one-year period, the intercept message is replaced with another intercept message, for instance, with the vacant code message which states, "We're sorry, your call cannot be completed as dialed. Please check the number and dial again." Nevertheless, it is intended for misdialed calls involving an old NPA code to be routed to an appropriate announcement message.

Please associate this letter and content with the referenced proceeding.

The undersigned is available to address questions and comments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben G. Almond".

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