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Re: CC Docket No. 96-98;  
Action List from Feb. 14 EELs Provisioning  
Workshop

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 9, 2001, I sent the attached documents via facsimile to Jodie Donovan-May of the Common Carrier Bureau. The documents respond to issues raised during the EELs Provisioning Workshop held by the Common Carrier Bureau on February 14, 2001.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1), I am filing two copies of this notice with you and ask that you include them in the record of CC Docket No. 96-98. If you have any questions concerning this, please call me at 202.463.4113.

Sincerely,



Kathleen B. Levitz

Attachment

cc: Jodie Donovan-May

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-98;  
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Workshop

Dear Ms. Donovan-May:

On February 14, 2001, the Common Carrier Bureau hosted an EELs Provisioning Workshop. During that workshop, the attending ILECs were asked to respond to certain questions in writing by March 9, 2001. The attached documents are BellSouth's response to those questions.

If you have any questions concerning this, please call me at 202.463.4113.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

EELs Provisioning Workshop  
Action List from February 14, 2001

Goal: Encourage a process that results in the provisioning of a greater number of EEL conversion orders.

Information exchange

(A) Specific Items

(1) Pre-ordering

ILECs provide to CLECs: Can ILECs provide CLECs with a circuit inventory through a batch-type process?

BellSouth Response: Each CLEC should have an inventory of its circuits. However, should a CLEC desire an inventory of the CLEC's circuits, BellSouth's Professional Services Group will provide an inventory for an appropriate charge.

Would this speed the provisioning process?

BellSouth Response: If the CLEC does not maintain an inventory of its circuits, the answer is yes.

ILECs provide to CLECs: Can ILECs provide CLECs with escalation lists?

BellSouth Response: Yes. Escalation lists are available on BellSouth's web site and through the CLEC's account team, up front, when the CLEC's business plan is determined.

(2) Costs

ILECs provide to CLECs: Can the conversion costs be identified early in the ordering process?

BellSouth Response: The costs can be identified BEFORE the ordering process. Access service CSRs (Customer Service Records) are available to CLECs as part of the bill rendered to CLECs by BellSouth. The CLEC can read the CSR to determine if a product is under a term agreement. If it is, the CLEC can use the appropriate tariff to determine the termination liability charge. Any applicable charges for the conversion itself and the UNE monthly recurring charges are negotiated up front in the Interconnection Agreement, so the CLEC can identify those costs before the ordering process is begun.

EELs Provisioning Workshop  
Action List from February 14, 2001

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Information exchange

(A) Specific Items

(3) Firm dates

ILECs provide to CLECs: Can ILECs provide CLECs with an effective bill date and provide credits back to the billing date, if necessary?

BellSouth Response: BellSouth can provide the CLEC with an effective bill date (EBD). This date will coincide with the negotiated conversion due date (for 15 or more circuits per request) or the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) due date. Any request for an EBD that differs from the conversion date, or for a billing credit, must be negotiated with the CLEC's account team.

ILECs provide to CLECs: Can ILECs provide notification of complete orders and in what form?

BellSouth Response: CLECs can access CSOTS (CLEC Service Order Tracking System) for notification of order completion.