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Before You Begin

Purpose

This guide is designed to help you use the CLEC Service Order Tracking System (CLEC SOTS), referred to as the "tracking system." The guide reviews service order statuses and provides instructions on the various service order fields and system navigation.

Note: This guide assumes that you have some familiarity with Web browsers and standard Microsoft Windows conventions.

Using This Guide

The following table explains the topics addressed in each chapter:

Read	To learn about			
Section 1.4, "About the System"	The overall functionality.			
Chapter 2, "Getting Started"	Accessing the system, getting online help, and logging in and exiting the system.			
Chapter 3, "Service Order Inquiry"	Retrieving service order data by date range and quick field searches.			
Chapter 4, "Service Orders"	Service Orders, appropriate action, order statuses, and order identification.			
Chapter 5, "Using Excel"	Downloading query results into an Excel worksheet.			

Typographical Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used in this guide:

Convention	Purpose	
Bold Indicates values or objects you enter into the system.		
	For example: "Type https://clecview.bellsouth.com."	
Note:	Indicates an exception or attribute to notice.	
Hint:	Indicates an easier alternative to complete a process or step.	

Abbreviations and Acronyms

The abbreviations and acronyms used in this guide are defined in the following table:

Term	Meaning				
AECN	Alternate Exchange Carrier Name				
AO	Assignable Order				
BST	BellSouth Telecommunications				
CA	Cancelled				
CLEC	Competitive Local Exchange Carrier				
CLEC SOTS	CLEC Service Order Tracking System				
CP	Completed				
CUID	CLEC User Identification				
Current DD	Current Due Date				
DD	Due Date				
HC	Held for Completion				
LSR	Local Service Request				
PD	Pending Dispatch				
PF	Pending Facilities				
PON	Purchase Order Number				
RESH	Reseller Sharer				
SO#	Service Order Number				
SOCS	Service Order Control System				
SPOC	Single Point of Contact				
TN	Telephone Number				

Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of the Tracking System

The tracking system provides CLEC service order information from the BellSouth Service Order Communication System (SOCS) for CLEC service orders via a Web interface. The tracking system is designed to provide the CLEC community with the following capabilities:

- Viewing service orders
- Determining order statuses
- Tracking service orders

1.2. System Availability

The tracking system interfaces with SOCS to process your requests to view service orders. The tracking system and SOCS are unavailable at certain times for scheduled maintenance or upgrades, which are normally performed during off-peak hours. You will not be able to obtain information at these times.

Please consider the following maintenance schedule when planning to make your service order viewing requests. All times are in Eastern Standard Time:

Day	Down Time
Monday – Saturday	12:00 AM — 6:59 AM 7:01 PM — 12:00 AM
Sunday	12:00 AM — 11:59 PM

1.3. Process Flow

CLECs issue Local Service Requests (LSRs) to request service(s) for their end user customers. The LSR is the mechanism by which a CLEC instructs BellSouth on how to handle end user customers. LSRs may be submitted to BellSouth electronically or manually. A basic LSR is generated and processed in the following order.

- 1. The CLEC generates an LSR.
- 2. BellSouth Telecommunications (BST) receives the LSR, generates a service order in SOCS, and notifies the CLEC of the service order.
- 3. The service is delivered to the customer.

The LSR is translated into a service order and is communicated to other BellSouth departments via SOCS, where CLEC Service Order Tracking System information is derived.

1.4. About the System

To obtain access to the CLEC Service Order Tracking System, please contact your BellSouth Account Team.

For user assistance, consult this user guide and the computer based tutorial, which may be accessed via the in the CLEC Service Order Tracking System. For additional user assistance beyond that provided in the aforementioned resources, contact your BellSouth Account Team.

To report a suspected system or documentation problem, please contact the BellSouth Electronic Interface Support at 888 462–8030. BellSouth Electronic Support will forward needed queries or escalations to the appropriate BellSouth departments.

Chapter 2. Getting Started

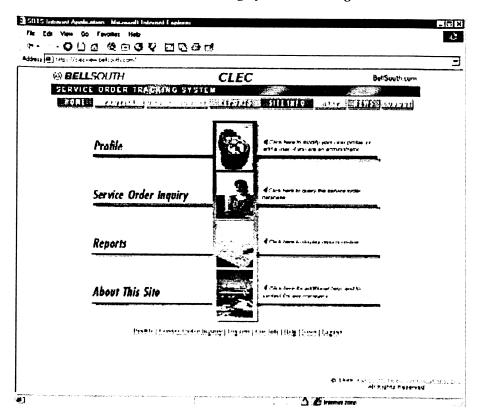
2.1. Accessing the System

You will need the following system requirements to successfully access the tracking system through the Internet:

- Excel version 5.0
- 800 x 600 screen resolution or higher
- Internet Explorer 4.01 with SP1 and above for the tutorial
- Netscape Communicator 4.06 and above for the tutorial

In your browser's location toolbar, type https://clecview.bellsouth.com and press Enter to access the home page. The following screen appears:

Figure 1. CLEC Service Order Tracking System Home Page



The home page contains links to all tracking system functions. Depending on your user access, you can click any button in the top frame or highlighted text in the bottom frame to jump to the appropriate interface.

Button	Description				
HOME:	Links to the Home page.				
939H11	Links to the "User Profile" function, which enables a CLEC to change his or her password.				
or Service Order Inquiry	Links to the "Service Order Inquiry" function.				
SECTION 1938	May be available for future use.				
About this Site	Links to a page containing site access, trouble reporting, and system copyright information.				
112.50	Links to this guide and the computer based tutorial.				
Prins	Links to the News page, which alerts to site updates.				
<u> </u>	Allows the CLEC to log out of the system.				

2.2. Help

will link you to the appropriate section of the User's Guide based on your location or position in the tracking system. You may choose a section of the guide from the "Contents" frame on the left side of your screen.

2.3. Logging In

Note: You should have been issued a CLEC User ID (CUID) and password for logging in. If you have lost or do not have a CUID or password, contact the SPOC.

To log in to the tracking system, follow these steps:

- - **Note:** If you have assigned a password to your digital certificate, the system will prompt you to enter it.
- 2. Click "Service Order Inquiry" or the "Reports" button or link.
- 3. Enter your CUID and password and click Logon

Note: If your login attempt fails, the screen will refresh and prompt you to re-enter your CUID and password. If your second login attempt fails, contact the SPOC to verify that the CUID and password you are entering is correct.

2.3.1. Changing Your Password

You can change your password. Passwords have no minimum character length and can be as long as 16 characters.

To change your password, follow these steps:

1. From the Login screen, click the "Change Password" link. The following appears:

Figure 2. Change Password Screen

CUID:		
Enter Old Password:		
Enter New Password:		
Please Re-Enter New Password:		
	Update	Reset

- 2. Type your CLEC User ID in the CUID field.
- 3. Type your current password, in the Enter Old Password field.
- 4. Type your new password in the Enter New Password field.
- 5. Type your new password in the Please Re-Enter New Password field.
- 6. Click Update

Note: If you make a mistake and want to re-enter information, click

Reset and repeat steps 2 through 6.

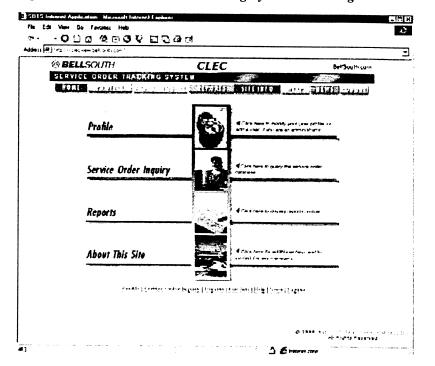
2.3.2. Changing Your Password from the Profile Screen

Note: If you cannot access the appropriate service order information, please contact the SPOC. The SPOC will correct your user profile, if needed.

To change your password from the Profile screen, follow these steps:

1. Click or the Profile icon from the tile bar or Home page, as shown in the following figure:

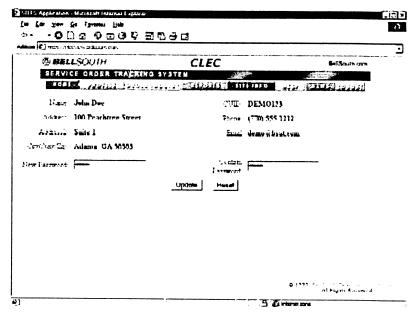
Figure 3. CLEC Service Order Tracking System Home Page



2. Select your CUID.

The following screen appears:

Figure 4. Profile Screen



- 3. Type your new password in the New Password field.
- 4. Retype your new password in the Confirm Password field.
- 5. Click Update

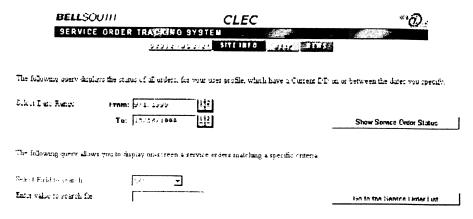
Chapter 3. Service Order Inquiry

3.1. Using the Order Inquiry Function

Use the Service Order Inquiry function to query service order information based on your security profile, which the Account Team requested, by clicking "" (1982) (

The following screen appears:

Figure 5. Order Inquiry Screen



3.2. Searching by a Date Range

To retrieve all orders by a specific date range, follow these steps.

- 1. Click the lite next to the From date field to select the start date or type the date in the field.
- 2. Click the rext to the To date field to select the end date or type the date in the field.

Note: The system will not accept a range greater than 90 days.

3. Click Show Service Order Status
The following screen appears:

Figure 6. Service Order Status Screen

Service Order Status in All States with Current DD between 9/1/1999 and 10/26/1999

	PD	PF	<u>A0</u>	MA	<u>CA</u>	<u>CP</u>	Total
TEST (8004)	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
TEST (9000)	 1	0	0	0	24	964	989
Total	2	0	0	1	24	964	991

The table (matrix) indicates the number of service orders that have the following CLEC statuses:

- PD- Pending Dispatch
- PF Pending Facilities
- **AO** Assignable Order
- MA- Missed Appointment
- **CA** Cancelled
- **CP** Completed

3.2.1. Breakdown by State

This window allows you to change how you view the matrix. The default view is of the Entire Region.

If you want to	Then
View a specific state	Click the state.
Return to the default value	Click the "Entire Region" link.

Note: The text above the matrix tells you which view you are seeing.

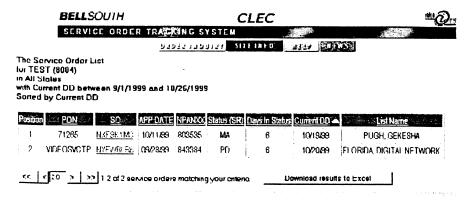
You can click any underlined entry in the matrix to retrieve service orders based on criteria involving the CLEC Company Code and Order Status you select. The following table lists the information you will see, depending on the entry you select.

Link	Shows all service orders
Status Type (PF, PD, AO, MA, CA, or CP) or Column Total	In the specified status for all of the CLEC Company Codes.
Number	In the specified status for the specific CLEC Company Code.
Row Total	In the selected status based on the CLEC Company Codes shown.

3.2.2. Service Order List Screen

Once you select a matrix header, the following screen appears:

Figure 7. Service Order List Screen



Note: The service orders shown are sorted by the Current Due Date. You can reorder the list by selecting any column heading.

The following table defines the field headings in the Service Order List screen:

Field Description	
Position Position of the service order within the list.	
PON Purchase Order Number.	
SO# Service Order Number.	
APP Date Application Date of the Service Order, which is the dathe Service Center or electronic interface receives a correct LSR.	ıy
NPANXX The NPA and NXX on the Service Order.	
Status Service Order Status.	
Days in Status Number of days the order has been in that status.	
Current DD Current Due Date.	
List Name Listed name specified by the LSR.	

To view the Service Order Header and Detail information for a specific service order, click the Service Order Number link in the SO# column. The Service Order screen appears.

Note: The header information remains at the top of the screen when you scroll.

3.2.2.1. Service Order Screen Elements

The following describes the Service Order screen elements.

Element	Description
<<	Click this button to link to the first list.
<	Click this button to link to the previous list.
10	The system will list results based on the number you enter into this box.
>	Click this button to link to the next list.
>>	Click this button to link to the last list.
Download results to Excel	Click this button to download the list into an Excel file on your computer.
Column Header	Click this to view the results for that column.
Position	This column tells the number of the result you are viewing.

3.2.2.2. Changing the Sort Order

To re-order a descending column by ascending order, click on the column header. An arrow appears to the right of the column header. To reverse the order, click the column header.

Note: The default order is in descending order on the date received.

3.2.2.3. Viewing the Service Order

If the order is in "AO," "PF," or "MA" status, a button will appear on the Service Order screen labeled "Get Current Status." It will allow you to view a current status of the service order in SOCS.

3.2.2.4. Printing the Service Order

Once you select the service order, it appears in a new screen. The system must format the order to include the header before you can print the order. To print the order, follow these steps:

- 1. Click Printable Format
- 2. Click once within the newly reformatted screen.
- 3. Click your browser's "Print" button (i.e. or) to send the image to your printer.

3.2.3. Searching by a Specific Field

From the Order Inquiry screen, you can use the "Search by Specific Field Query" to retrieve a list of service orders by the following criteria:

- Service Order Number (SO#)
- Purchase Order Number (PON)
- RESH
- AECN
- Specific Due Date
- Telephone Number (TN)

To perform a quick search, follow these steps:

- In the primary search window, click Select Field to Search and select one of the following:
 - AECN
 - Completion Date
 - Current DD
 - PON
 - RESH
 - SO
 - TN
- 2. In the Enter Value to Search For field, enter a value and click
 Go to the Service Order List

Note: The values you enter must be exact.

The Service Order List appears.

You can re-sort the list by selecting any column heading. If you click the SO# column link, the Service Order list will appear.

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Chapter 4. Service Orders

4.1. Overview

An LSR is processed in the following order when a CLEC submits it:

- 1. It is checked for errors.
- 2. It is characterized for order type (LNP or Non-LNP).
- 3. The CLEC generates a service order in SOCS.

If an LSR requires additional information to generate a service order, the following notice(s) will be sent to the CLEC, depending on how the LSR was sent:

- A faxed Clarification Notice or Rejected Notice and the PON report, if the order was submitted manually
- An Electronic Notice, if the LSR was submitted electronically

Note: You can access a PON Report at https://clec.bellsouth.com.

The following list describes the status changes a service order may undergo before it is delivered to the end user:

Status Abbreviation	Meaning	Description
СР	Completed Order	The order is complete and service has been delivered to the end user.
AO	Assignable Order	The order is ready for facility assignment.
CA	Cancelled Order	The order is canceled.
MA	Missed Appointment	The due date for the order has been missed. The associated codes give details.
PD and HC	Pending Order	The order has been assigned facilities and is waiting to be dispatched.
PF	Pending Facilities	It is difficult to provision facilities for the order.

Note: Service order status (system request codes) prefixes and suffixes direct efforts of downstream departments and are for BellSouth's internal use only.

4.2. Appropriate Action

A Pending Facilities (PF) or Missed Appointment (MA) status on an order usually indicates that there will be a delay in delivering service to the end user. You or BellSouth may need to take action to advance the order to Pending Dispatch (PD). The following sections explain PF and MA statuses and the procedures to follow when you encounter these statuses.

4.2.1. PF Status

A service order in PF status indicates a problem provisioning services to the end user. The PF Report gives details on orders in PF status, such as the reason for the delay and the estimated service date. When you encounter an order in PF status, consult the PF Report, which contains the reason for the delay, estimated service, etc., at "http://clec.bellsouth.com (http://clec.bellsouth.com)."

Note: The Web site is password protected. Each CLEC can only view the information about their orders in PR status.

4.2.2. MA Status

When an order is in MA status, a problem working the order exists. An MA status indicates the order will require a new due date. The MA status is further explained by the MA codes shown on the order. For more information about the MA codes, consult this URL: http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/doc/pend_stat.pdf.

4.2.2.1. MA Code Descriptions

The following table lists the MA field codes and their descriptions:

Code	Meaning	Description
CA	Company Assignment	Difficulty with the facility assignment resulted in a missed due date.
CA or EB	Company Business Ofc.	A business office (LCSC) mistake resulted in a missed due date.
CD	Company Designed	A facility design resulted in a missed due date.

Code	Meaning	Description
CF	Company Facilities	Physical facilities resulted in a missed due date.
CI*	Company Independent	Independent company difficulties resulted in a missed due date.
CK	Company Facilities	ISDN BRI Service facilities resulted in a missed due date.
CL	Company Load	An area work load resulted in a missed due date.
СМ	Company Mechanization	Mechanization difficulties resulted in a missed due date.
СО	Company Other	Reasons other than those mentioned on this list resulted in a missed due date.
CS	Company Switching	Difficulties with the switching office resulted in a missed due date.
CX	Company Exceptional	Exceptional reasons (natural disaster, etc.) resulted in a missed due date.
CY	Customer Desired Due Date Missed	The due date was missed and the FOC date will follow.
SA*	Subscriber (CLEC/End User) Access	Lack of access at the end user address resulted in a missed due date.
SL*	Subscriber (CLEC/End User) Requests Later Date	CLEC/end user request for a later date resulted in a missed due date.
SP*	Subscriber (CLEC/End User) Requests Earlier Date	CLEC/end user request an earlier date resulted in a missed due date.
SO*	Subscriber (CLEC/End User) Other	CLEC/end user reasons other than those on this list resulted in a missed due date.
SR*	Subscriber (CLEC/End User) Not Ready	CLEC/end user is not ready.

^{*}Consult the documentation at http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/doc/pend_stat.pdf

to determine the appropriate action.

4.3. Service Order Identification

Orders are identified in SOCS by service order numbers, which begin with an alpha character followed by seven alphanumeric characters. There are six types of service orders that can be issued in SOCS. Order types are denoted by the first character of the order number. The values for the first character and their meanings are listed in the following table.

Character	Meaning
N	New
C	Change
D	Disconnect
T	Transfer to a new address (works with "F" order)
F	Disconnect from an Old Address (works with "T" order)
R	Record

4.3.1. Service Order Fields

The following table shows the fields that are available for you to view service order information:

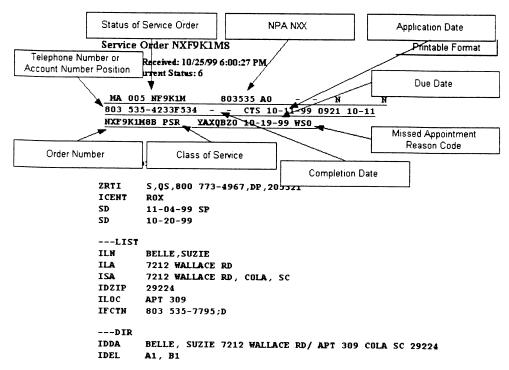
Field Number	Title	Description	
	First Row Header Fields		
1	Order Status	Status of the service order (two alphabetic characters, which may include a prefix or suffix).	
2	For BST Internal Use only		
3	For BST Internal Use only		
4	NPANXX	NPANXX used on the service order.	
5	For BST Internal Use only		
6	For BST Internal Use only		
7	For BST Internal Use only		
8	For BST Internal Use only		
9	For BST Internal Use only		
10	For BST Internal Use only		

Field Number	Title	Description	
	Second Row Header Fields		
11	TN or Account Number	Main telephone or account number on which the service number is written.	
12	For BST Internal Use only		
13	For BST Internal Use only		
14	Completion Date	Date the end user's service order or service installation is completed.	
15	For BST Internal Use only		
16	Application Date	Date the clean LSR was presented and a service order could be issues.	
17	For BST Internal Use only		
18	For BST Internal Use only		
Third Row Header Fields			
19	Order Number	Service order number.	
20	Class of Service	Type of service as referenced in the USOC Manual.	
21	For BST Internal Use only		
22	Due Date Original due date the servorder was to be complete		
23	For BST Internal Use only		
24	For BST Internal Use only		
25	Missed Appt Reason Code	Code indicating why the due date was not met.	

4.4. Service Order Fields

The service order header provides pertinent information about the service order. When you review an individual service order, the header information appears in blue and is underlined, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 8. Service Order Headers



4.4.1. Service Order Detail

Beneath the header information, service order details are separated into sections, which are defined in the following table:

Section	Definition	
Unfielded Identification Information	This section of the service order is placed immediately following the header information. This section includes, but is not limited to, the following items:	
	• Subsequent due date information—the new due date on which the order is to be worked. It is indicated by the "SD" followed by the date.	
	• Related order information—a listing of orders related to the displayed order. The relationship between the orders is denoted by three alpha characters preceding the service order, as defined in the following list:	
	 "CRO" or "RRSO" indicates related service orders due on the same day. 	
	 "RO" indicates related service orders due on different days. 	
	 "SEQ" indicates the sequence that related orders are to be worked. 	
	 AECN information is a four numeric CLEC identifier used on LNP and UNE orders. 	
Listing Information	The listing section of the service order is indicated by "	
	Abbreviation Meaning	
	LN Indicates the Listed Name to be placed in the directory.	
	LA Indicates the Listed Address to be placed in the directory.	
	SA Indicates the location or address where service is working.	
Directory Information	This section is for BellSouth internal use only. It is indicated by "DIR" and contains directory information.	

Section		Definition
Billing Information	Billing information on the service order is indicated by the "BILL" section and may include, but is not limited to, the following information:	
	Prefix	Meaning
	IBN1	IBNX Billing Name followed by the address
	RESH	Four digits preceded by an "R" used to identify the CLEC on resale orders
	IPON	CLEC purchase order number
	IBTN	The CLEC billing account or "Q" account number
Service and Equipment Details	The service and equipment section of the order is indicated by "S&E." It refers to service and equipment that is being added, changed, deleted, etc. in accordance with the instructions on the LSR. The USOC codes for BellSouth's products and services can be found in the USOC Manual or the various state subscribers tariffs and will not be discussed in this guide. The codes that indicate the action taken on a product of service are listed below. One or more action codes will by indicated for each item influenced by the service order. The following table lists and describes the S&E Action Codes.	
	Code	Meaning
	I	Adding a new feature, line, etc.
	О	Removing feature, line, etc.
	R	(Recapped) No change to existing feature, line, etc.
	С	Change to existing feature, line, etc. Shows existing information (works with "T" action)
	T	Change to existing feature, line, etc. Shows the new information (works with "C" action
	D	Change to existing feature, line, etc. (works with "E" action)
	E	Change to existing feature, line, etc. (works with "D" action)
	G	Grouping of information for individual telephone numbers

Chapter 5. Using Excel

5.1. Downloading Results into MS Excel

To download the query results from the Service Order List into Microsoft Excel, follow these steps:

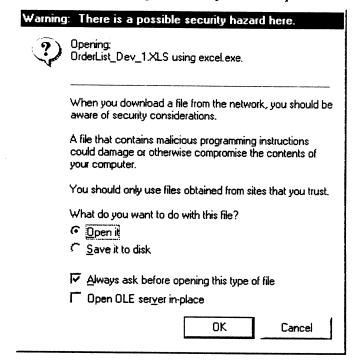
- 1. From the Service Order List, click

 Download results to Excel at the bottom of the screen.
- 2. If you are using **Internet Explorer**, select the Open In Excel link or click the . The file appears on the screen within your browser:

If you are using Netscape, follow steps 3 through 4:

3. Select the "Open In Excel" link or click the X. The following window appears in your browser:

Figure 9. Downloading into Excel from Netscape



4. Select either Open it or Save it to disk and click OK

The file is downloaded into your Excel application.