

# BIG RIVER

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Pursuant to Section 13.3 of our Interconnection Agreement with AT&T, Big River Telephone would like to invoke our right to an informal dispute process in regards to the demand sent by AT&T with regards to BAN 110 559 0017 501. John Jennings of Big River Telephone will be Big River's representative for this process.

Big River Telephone has filed this dispute based on numerous conversations between Jerry Howe of Big River and various AT&T employees. As pointed out in those discussions, Big River effectively negotiated the ability to bundle local loops and local switching, per Section 271 of the 1996 Telecom Act and simply needed AT&T procedures to ensure continued service under that arrangement. The charges being disputed are a result of AT&T's misunderstanding of Big River's intentions and its rights under its Interconnection Agreement.

Big River Telephone is prepared for a quick and fair resolution to this continuing issue. Also since this matter is still in dispute, we expect no action to be taken on our accounts or our orders for our customers.

Sincerely,



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