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**FURTHER COMMENTS
TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY
CC Docket No. 95-116**

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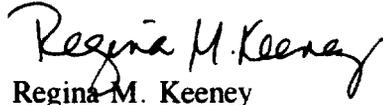
On July 13, 1995, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CC Docket No. 95-116) regarding telephone number portability. *Telephone Number Portability*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 10 FCC Rcd 12350 (1995). The pleading cycle in response to that Notice closed on October 12, 1995. On February 8, 1996, the President of the United States signed into law the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which, among other things, requires local exchange carriers "to provide, to the extent technically feasible, number portability in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Commission." Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996).

Therefore, we seek comment on how passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 may affect the issues raised in the July Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. We ask that parties not simply reiterate their previous comments, but confine their discussion to how particular issues have been affected, if at all.

Comments and reply comments in response to this Notice should be no more than 10 pages, and otherwise in compliance with Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules. Comments must be filed on or before March 29, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before April 5, 1996. Comments and reply comments must be sent to the Office of the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies should also be sent to the Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. One copy should also be sent to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS at (202) 857-3800.

We will continue to treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact Jason Karp (202/418-1517), Mindy Littell (202/418-1394), or Jeannie Su (202/418-0491) of the Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

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