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The following are Ameritech's responses to the Information Request we received from Jason Karp of the FCC regarding the costs of providing interim number portability for RCF. It is important to note that the LRSIC cost data provided does not include any contribution toward joint and common cost or a reasonable profit as provided for in section 252(d) of the Act.

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Each item and the corresponding responses are numbered 1 through 7:

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Item 1

Provide the cost information provided orally in our prior ex parte meeting.

Attachment A is the cost information that was provided orally in Ameritech's prior ex parte meeting.

Item 2

Intra vs. inter-switch calls: What number or percentage of calls falls into each category? Can provide estimate either monthly or yearly.

The estimate used for Intraswitch local calls are 65%. The estimate for Interswitch local calls are 35%.

Item 3

Quantify administration costs and break out by category, including billing, service fees, etc.

The direct administration costs included in the Illinois cost study for SPNP-Remote are generally termed "USOC Implementation." The cost breakdown is as follows:

USOC Implementation, per Ported Number:

	<u>NRC</u>
1. Program changes to the billing system	\$1.15
2. Integrated Testing	\$0.03
3. Program Changes to the Provisioning and Maintenance Systems	\$0.08
4. TOTAL NON-RECURRING COST	<u>\$1.26</u>
5. TOTAL MONTHLY COST	\$0.02
(L4*.21127)/12))	

(Note: .21127 represents the A/P factor @ 10.6% C.O.M., 6-years)

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Item 4

Identify any other costs in providing number portability.

Direct costs were also identified for USOC Acquisition, Product Management and M&P Development and Training. These costs are incurred on a regional basis and were not included in the state specific LRSIC studies, but should be a consideration in establishing the overall price for the service.

Item 5

As the numbers of calls to ported numbers change, or the number of ported numbers per switch change, does the incremental cost change?

The cost for SPNP-Remote would change if the average number of local calls changed. For example, if the average number of calls used in the cost study increased because of an increase in calls to ported numbers, the cost would increase accordingly. The costs that would be affected are the RCF feature, usage and additional call paths.

As the number of ported numbers (and additional call paths) to a switch increases, it is probable that additional trunk terminations will have to be installed in the local and tandem offices to accommodate this increased traffic. This additional equipment will only be utilized during the time that interim number portability is offered. The cost study accounted for the fact that these additional trunk terminations would be stranded after two years. This approach was used for the cost support developed for the 6-90 additional call path rate element.

Item 6

If there are any non-recurring costs that we are planning on recovering over time (as opposed to a one shot payment), indicate the length of time such costs will be recovered over.

The cost listed in item 3 were amortized over 6-years.

Item 7

For all of the above, indicate any assumptions we are relying upon, e.g., whether monthly, yearly, recurring, non-recurring, etc.

Monthly, yearly, recurring, and non-recurring assumptions are indicated in our responses to items 1 through 6.