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Re: Virgin Islands Public Service Commission Request for Extension of Time  
Telephone Number Portability  
CC Docket No. 95-116

Dear Ms. Hodge:

The Common Carrier Bureau ("Bureau") has reviewed your letter dated October 6, 1997, on behalf of the Virgin Island Public Service Commission (the "VIPSC"), requesting an extension of time in which to select a regional database for purposes of providing telephone number portability. In particular, you requested an extension of 120 days beyond the existing deadline of October 2, 1997, so that the VIPSC may complete the process of selecting a regional database.

Based on the facts indicated in your letter, the Bureau has determined that it is appropriate to grant your request. Among other considerations, we acknowledge that carriers operating in the Virgin Islands are not required to provide number portability using the regional databases until 1999, at the earliest.<sup>1</sup> Further, we anticipate that granting the requested extension until January 30, 1998, will not create any significant technical problems for administration of the regional databases.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Telephone Number Portability*, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 11 FCC Rcd 8352, 8394 (1996), ¶ 80.

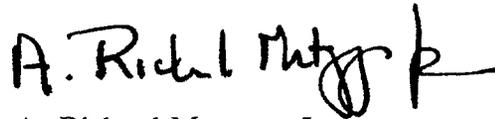
<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Cheryl A. Tritt, Counsel, Lockheed Martin IMS, to Kyle D. Dixon, FCC, CC Docket No. 95-116 (filed October 17, 1997) (indicating that "late selection by the U.S. Territories of a specific Regional [database] after March 1998" would raise "no unique problems or issues" and that such late selection should not significantly delay number portability implementation).

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Accordingly, the VIPSC should (1) select a regional database that carriers operating in the Virgin Islands will use to provide number portability; and (2) notify the Bureau and the North American Numbering Council (NANC) in writing regarding this selection on or before January 30, 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Richard Metzger, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. Richard Metzger, Jr.  
Acting Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

cc: Alan C. Hasselwander, Chairman, NANC