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Re: CC Docket 95-116

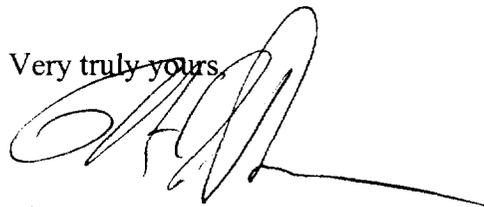
Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Allegiance Telecom, Inc., enclosed for filing is an original and four copies of its Request for Waiver of Implementation Deadline in the above-referenced docket.

Also enclosed is an extra copy of the Request. Please date stamp the copy and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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) **CC Docket 95-116**
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To: Chief, Network Services Division

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE OF
ALLEGIANCE TELECOM, INC.**

Allegiance Telecom, Inc., on behalf of its operating company Allegiance Telecom of Georgia, Inc. (collectively "Allegiance"), by counsel, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.3 & 52.3, hereby requests a waiver of the March 31, 1998 Phase I implementation deadline for local number portability ("LNP") in the Atlanta MSA set forth in the Commission's March 11, 1997 First Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration in this docket.^{1/}

Allegiance is a certificated competitive local exchange provider in Georgia. As the Commission is aware, delays by the vendor with the contract to develop the LNP database have led to recent substitution of that vendor with Lockheed Martin. Consequently, through extraordinary circumstances beyond its control, the Georgia telecommunications industry will be unable to meet the March 31, 1998 deadline to implement LNP in Atlanta.

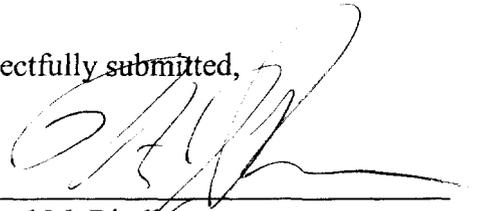
Allegiance understands that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST"), the incumbent local exchange carrier in Atlanta, intends to seek an extension of the March 31, 1998 deadline to

^{1/} The Chief, Network Services Division extended the deadline to request a waiver of the Phase I implementation deadline in a January 28, 1998 Order in this docket.

approximately October 1, 1998. As discussed in the attached Declaration of Robert W. McCausland, Vice President, Regulatory and Interconnection of Allegiance Telecom, Inc., Allegiance seeks an extension of the implementation deadline to October 1, 1998 as well to perform necessary switch testing.^{2/}

For the above reasons, Allegiance asks that its Request for Waiver be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: March 2, 1998

^{2/} If the Commission approves an earlier BST implementation deadline, Allegiance asks that its deadline be set at the same date.

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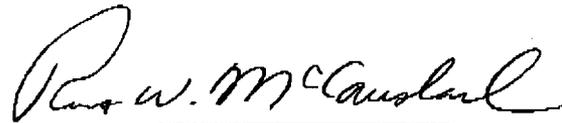
DECLARATION OF ROBERT W. MCCAUSLAND

I, Robert W. McCausland, declare as follows:

1. I am the Vice President, Regulatory and Interconnection of Allegiance Telecom, Inc. ("Allegiance"), the parent company of Allegiance Telecom of Georgia, Inc., a Georgia certificated competitive local exchange carrier in the Atlanta MSA. I am authorized to execute this Declaration on behalf of Allegiance.
2. Allegiance serves the Atlanta MSA through its switch ATLNGAMADS6.
3. The vendor with the contract to develop the LNP database for the Atlanta MSA did not meet its schedule and has recently been replaced with Lockheed Martin. To Allegiance's knowledge, Georgia local exchange carriers will not be able to meet the Commission's March 31, 1998 Phase I deadline for LNP implementation in the Atlanta MSA due to extraordinary circumstances beyond their control. Allegiance necessarily relies upon the availability of the LNP database which has been contracted by the Southeast Number Portability Administration Company, L.L.C.
4. Allegiance understands that BST will seek an extension of the March 31, 1998 deadline to October 1, 1998. Allegiance also requires an extension to October 1, 1998 to implement LNP.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 2, 1998.



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