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**COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON SBC
COMPANIES PETITION FOR WAIVER UNDER 47 CFR § 52.3(d) AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THE LOCAL NUMBER
PORTABILITY PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE**

**CC Docket 95-116
NSD File No. L-98-16**

Comment Date: March 9, 1998
Reply Comment Date: March 16, 1998

On February 20, 1998, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Pacific Bell (Pacific) (collectively the SBC Companies) filed petitions seeking a waiver of the Commission's rule requiring a 60 day notice in the event of a delay in advance of a Local Number Portability ("LNP") scheduled implementation deadline, and for an extension of time of the March 31, 1998, Phase I implementation deadline.

SBC Companies request delay in the implementation schedule to address defects found in Signal Transfer Points (STP) software supplied by a vendor. SBC states that the STP defects were not discovered until January 21, 1998, after live production testing was underway.

We seek comments on SBC Companies Petition for Extension of the March 31, 1998, Phase I Implementation deadline. Comments are due by March 9, 1998 and reply comments by March 16, 1998. *Ex parte* presentations in this proceeding will be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, that are applicable to "permit-but-disclose" proceedings. Interested parties should file an original and four copies of their comments with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20554. In addition, parties should send two copies to Jeannie Grimes, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Suite 235, 2000 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554, and one copy to ITS, at 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Comments and reply

comments will be available for public inspection and copying in the Network Services Division Public Reference Room, Room 220, 2000 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554. Copies of comments and reply comments will also be available from ITS, at 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, or by calling (202) 857-3800.

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