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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON GTEC'S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION TIME FOR ITS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC) SWITCH FOR LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION

CC Docket 95-116
NSD File No. L-98-09

Comment Date: March 9, 1998

Reply Comment Date: March 16, 1998

On January 29, 1998, GTE California Incorporated (GTEC) filed a petition seeking an extension of two months, until June 1, 1998, for implementation of Local Number Portability ("LNP") in GTEC's network with regard to a 5ESS base unit and its two remote switches located at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles and comprising the "USC Switch."

The USC Switch is within the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for Los Angeles which is scheduled for Phase I LNP implementation by March 31, 1998. As an CLEC operating in Pacific Bell's territory, GTEC states that until very recently, the USC Switch functioned as a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) under the ownership of USC, and that USC did not upgrade the switch to enable LNP functionality. GTEC asserts that since the time it took possession and began operating the switch on December 20, 1997, it has been working closely with its switch software vendor to establish a rapid LNP schedule for the necessary upgrades to make the USC switch LNP capable.

We seek comments on whether to grant a waiver of the March 31, 1998, Phase I Implementation for the USC Switch in the Los Angeles MSA until June 1, 1998. Comments are due by March 6, 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 IIS, 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 IIS, at 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, or by calling (202) 857-3800.

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