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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THE LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE

CC Docket 95-116

Alliance Telecom, Inc.,	NSD File No. L-98-20
BellSouth Corporation	NSD File No. L-98-27
DeltaCom, Inc.	NSD File No. L-98-24
GST Telecom of California, Inc.	NSD File No. L-98-21
NextLink California, LLC	NSD File No. L-98-26
Sprint Local Telephone Companies	NSD File No. L-98-22
Teleport Communications Group	NSD File No. L-98-23
WorldCom, Inc.	NSD File No. L-98-25

Comment Date: March 12, 1998

Reply Comment Date: March 17, 1998

On March 2, 1998, Alliance Telecom, Inc.; BellSouth Corporation, DeltaCom Inc.; GST Telecom of California, Inc.; NextLink California, LLC; Sprint Local Telephone Companies; Teleport Communications Group, Inc., and WorldCom, Inc., each filed petitions seeking a delay of the Local Number Portability ("LNP") Phase I implementation deadline of March 31, 1998.

Individually, the petitioners state that their respective implementation delays are due to the failure of Perot Systems Corporation (Perot), the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) vendor originally contracted by the Southeast, Western and West Coast LLC Regions to provide a stable platform to support local number portability. Petitioners further advise that the Southeast, Western and West Coast LLCs have dismissed Perot and have recently contracted with Lockheed Martin-IMS who will have an NPAC ready on May 11, 1998. Once the NPAC is in place, carriers state that they must do testing of various

ordering systems before local number portability can become commercially available.

We seek comments on above-referenced petitions for extension of the March 31, 1998, Phase I Implementation deadline. Comments are due by March 12, and reply comments by March 17, 1998. Parties filing comments may do so collectively or individually on the petitions listed in this notice. Arguments specific to any one entity or entities should be clearly identified in all pleadings filed. *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.

Parties are encouraged to file a copy of all pleadings on 3.5 inch diskette in an IBM-compatible format using WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows software in a "ready only" mode. Diskette submissions should be in addition to, and not a substitute for, the hard copy filing requirements reviewed above. All diskettes should be clearly labeled with: (1) the party's name; (2) the name of the proceeding and docket number; (3) the type of filing submitted (e.g., comments, reply comments); and (4) the date of submission. The diskettes should be accompanied by a cover letter and filed with: (1) Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, FCC, Room 222, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554; and (2) Chief, Network Services Division, Room 235, 2000 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gayle Radley-Teicher at (202) 418-2320 or Patrick Forster at (202) 418-7061. The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, DC 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-7314. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

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