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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY DEADLINES

CC Docket 95-116

Electric Lightwave, Inc.
Waiver of Phase II deadline
Phoenix, Seattle MSAs

NSD File No. L-98-52

Sprint Local Telephone Companies
Waiver of Phase II deadline
Dallas MSA

NSD File No. L-98-54

Comment Date: April 20, 1998
 Reply Comment Date: April 27, 1998

On April 7, 1998, Electric Lightwave, Inc. (ELI) filed a petition seeking both a waiver of the 60-day advance filing requirement imposed by 47 C.F.R. § 52.23(e) and a delay of the Local Number Portability ("LNP") Phase II implementation deadline of May 15, 1998.

ELI states that its implementation delay is 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. ELI further advises that it cannot begin to provide long-term LNP until an NPAC Service Management System becomes available. ELI proposes an LNP Phase II implementation date of August 1, 1998.

On March 16, 1998, the Sprint Local Telephone Companies (Sprint), requested a waiver of the LNP Phase II implementation deadline for four offices in the Dallas MSA. Three of Sprint's offices in Dallas are affected by Southwestern Bell's inability to perform Line Information Database validation functions which, according to Sprint, will expose Sprint to fraudulent third-

party and collect calls. Permanent LNP will function in these switches immediately after Southwestern Bell's technical problems are cured. Sprint has scheduled a June 16, 1998, central office change out for a fourth central office in Dallas. Once the cut over to the new switch occurs, Sprint will be able to implement LNP in that office by July 16, 1998.

We seek comments on the petitions described above. Comments are due by April 20, 1998, and reply comments by April 27, 1998. **Parties filing comments are encouraged to include in the comments' headings that the comments refer to CC Docket Number 95-116 and should indicate the NSD File Number of the specific petition that their comments address.**

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 "read 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 **five copies** to Alvin McCloud, 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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