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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON SBC COMPANIES' PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THE LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE

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

Comment Date: April 3, 1998
Reply Comment Date: April 9, 1998

On February 20, 1998, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Pacific Bell (Pacific) (collectively the SBC Companies) filed a petition seeking an extension of time of the May 15, 1998, Local Number Portability ("LNP") Phase II 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 May 15, 1998, Phase II Implementation deadline. If parties have already commented on SBC Companies' petitions, and have addressed scheduling delays beyond Phase I implementation in their comments, those parties need not file additional comments specifically addressing delays of Phase II implementation.

Comments are due by April 3, 1998, and reply comments by April 9, 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 **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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