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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF PHASE III LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE

CC Docket 95-116

BellSouth Corporation
Waiver of Phase III deadline
Southeast Region MSAs

NSD File No. L-98-27

**Phase III Waivers for Carriers Serving
MSAs in the Southeast Region:**

AT&T Corporation
GTE Service Corporation
Sprint Local Telephone Companies
Teleport Communications Group Inc.

NSD File No. L-98-74
NSD File No. L-98-29
NSD File No. L-98-73
NSD File No. L-98-58

Rio Virgin Telephone Company
Waiver of Phase III deadline
Las Vegas MSA

NSD File No. L-98-72

Southern New England Telephone Company
Waiver of Phase III deadline
Hartford MSA

NSD File No. L-98-71

Comment Date: June 1, 1998
Reply Comment Date: June 5, 1998

On March 2, 1998, BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) filed a request for a waiver of the Commission's schedule for implementing Local Number Portability (LNP) for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in its territory for all phases of implementation. BellSouth later amended its petition to request delays only through Phase IV of LNP implementation. The Common Carrier

Bureau addressed BellSouth's and other carriers' requests for delays of LNP implementation for Phase I and Phase II MSAs located in the Southeast region.

We seek comments on BellSouth's petition regarding delaying the Phase III implementation date of June 30, 1998, in the Southeast region. We also seek comment on petitions filed by AT&T Corporation, GTE Service Corporation, the Sprint Local Telephone Companies, and Teleport Communications Group, Inc., which request similar delays for implementing LNP in the Southeast region.

On April 29, 1998, Rio Virgin Telephone Company (Rio Virgin) filed a petition seeking an extension of time to implement LNP in its Mesquite, Nevada switching complex. Rio Virgin seeks a delay of the June 30, 1998, Phase III LNP implementation deadline until October 31, 1998. Rio Virgin states that it must replace its switch to support LNP, but the switch vendor cannot accommodate Rio Virgin in time to make LNP available by June 30, 1998.

On April 30, 1998, Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) filed a petition seeking an extension of time to implement LNP for a central office located in the Hartford MSA. SNET seeks a delay of the June 30, 1998, Phase III LNP implementation deadline until December 12, 1998. SNET states the delay is necessary because the switch is being replaced and the central office will be serving as one of a pair of tandems needed to support digital 911 emergency reporting in Connecticut.

Comments on the above petitions are due by June 1, 1998, and reply comments by June 5, 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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