

Esteemed Comissioners;

I urge you, in the strongest language possible, to deny Verizon's request for "Permanent Forbearance from LNP", and stay the course for CMRS LNP on the decided date of 24 Nov, 2002.

I assure you that the ONLY reason I do not change providers is the great inconvenience that would be associated with changing telephone numbers. Therefore, I must take exception to Verizon's contention that "The CMRS Market is Highly Competitive and Justifies Permanent Forbearance form LNP."

It would be extremely poor judgement to grant Verizon or any CMRS provider a "permanent injunction" restricting competitiveness. This injunction would be tantamount to granting full ownership of my telephone number, when I was just about to take it to another provider! Such wholesale giveaway of telephone number resources would be anti-competitive and anti-consumer. This is especially true when the FCC has just decided to remove spectrum ownership restrictions.

As a Verizon customer, I implore you to maintain the plan to enforce CMRS LNP on the previously set date of 24 Nov, 2002. I am currently reviewing competitive plans in anticipation of Local number portability on this date.

Thank you,

Robert A. Combs
Consumer