

The November 24, 2003, deadline for wireless local number portability must be held firm. Portability has been delayed numerous times already. Consumers in the US have a right to it by law, and the market needs the FCC to enforce implementation. I've been using the same wireless company for many years despite mediocre service because I depend on people knowing my number. The technology is available, the cost reasonable, the competition necessary, and the time allowed has been more than generous. Many wireless carriers have already installed the equipment for number portability and are simply waiting to use it. Many other countries have accomplished this as good service to customers without the need of regulatory coercion. The delay in implementation is causing the US to fall behind technologically. The deadline must be final.