

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

In the matter of:

Telephone Number Portability

CC Docket No. 95-116

**COMMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION AND OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

The California Public Utilities Commission and the People of the State of California (CPUC or California) submit these Comments in response to the Petition for Delegated Authority to Implement Wireless Local Number Portability (Petition) filed by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU or New Jersey) on January 15, 2004. In its Petition, New Jersey seeks immediate authority to require deployment of wireless local number portability (LNP) in areas outside of but adjacent to any of the top 100 MSAs in New Jersey. The NJBPU Petition sets forth the particular facts supporting its request, which we will not repeat here.

California supports the New Jersey request to expand the reach of wireless LNP into four additional counties, each of which are adjacent to a top 100 MSA. The CPUC has advocated before the FCC on several occasions that states be given authority to order carriers to implement LNP. A grant of authority to the NJBPU would be consistent with

the position California has taken previously. Further, New Jersey has set forth a very narrow set of circumstances for its request, which plainly justify the delegation of authority that the NJBPU requests. California urges the FCC to grant the NJBPU petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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