

MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas M. Koutsky, Chair
North American Numbering Council

From: Paula Jordan, LNPA Co-Chair
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Date: May 19, 2008

Re: Questions regarding Number Portability Implementation Process

You requested that we provide you answers to some questions regarding the status of implementation of local number portability in response to the FCC's 2007 Local Number Portability Order by various industry groups. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

QUESTION 1: What is the current status of the ATIS Ordering & Billing Forum's (OBF's) work on standardizing Local Service Request (LSR) and Wireless Port Request (WPR) data fields?

RESPONSE:

On May 6-7, 2008, the LNPA had its regularly-schedule meeting, in Overland Park, Kansas. At that meeting, OBF leadership provided this response when we presented them with this question:

Wireline-to-Wireline Ports:

The ATIS OBF Local Service Ordering & Provisioning (LSOP) Committee has developed the Simple Port Service Request (SPSR) for wireline-to-wireline simple ports. The SPSR contains 14 data fields, including the 4 validation fields addressed in FCC Order 07-188. ATIS has submitted the SPSR to the FCC. Some wireline service providers have indicated that they are developing their systems in support of the SPSR, while some have indicated that they will continue to support the LSR with end user validation on no more than the 4 fields addressed in FCC Order 07-188 (End User Telephone Number, End User Account Number, Zip Code, and Passcode (if applicable)). Any additional order processing fields required on the LSR may vary from provider to provider.

Intermodal Ports:

At this time, wireless providers have indicated that the 14 fields on the SPSR are not adequate for wireless to wireline ports, however, work is continuing in the OBF to determine if the SPSR can be used for simple wireline to wireless ports.

The OBF Intermodal Subcommittee has opened Issue 3255 to develop an intermodal porting process. The targeted completion is October 2009. The goal is to process simple and complex intermodal ports.

Wireless to Wireless Ports:

The wireless industry does not plan to make changes to the Wireless Inter-carrier Interface Specifications (WICIS) standard for wireless to wireless porting. Wireless to wireless ports will continue to be validated as they are today and all required data fields in addition to the end user validation fields on the Wireless Port Request (WPR) will continue to be required. These additional required fields are standard among wireless providers.

QUESTION 2: Can wireline carriers confirm an LSR received outside of normal business hours?

RESPONSE:

At this time, we can only provide a response for Verizon. Provided that Verizon's systems are up and processing normally, an LSR received electronically outside of normal business hours can be confirmed out of hours if it passes necessary edits and does not fall out for manual handling.

We would be willing to enquire with other wireline carriers about their capability.

QUESTION 3: Does the wireline porting out carrier have to dispatch (roll a truck) to the field?

RESPONSE: Again, we can only provide a response for Verizon. Typically, Verizon would not need to dispatch a technician to the field on a port out, particularly with regard to simple ports.

But there are instances when it might be required. For example, we would have to dispatch a technician if Verizon serves the porting out customer on an Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) architecture and the New Service Provider in the port plans to serve the customer on an unbundled Verizon copper loop after the port. IDLCs are typically located between the feeder and distribution plant, at a location between the central office and the customer's premises. In such a situation, a Verizon technician would need to drive to the IDLC to disconnect the customer's loop from the IDLC and reconnect it to a "home run" copper wire before the port could be provisioned. We would note that because this situation involves an unbundled local loop, under the FCC's rules it would not be regarded as a "simple port."

Again, we would be willing to enquire with other wireline carriers about their dispatch and truck roll policies.