

# LOCAL NUMBER PORTING INTERVAL

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# Background on LNP

- The Commission first mandated local number portability in 1997 pursuant to the Telecommunications Act, it extended portability to wireless providers and mandated intermodal porting in 2003 and extended the obligation to interconnected VoIP providers in 2007.
- Local number portability facilitates consumers choice by allowing consumers to take their phone numbers with them when changing telecommunications providers.
- Ports can be simple (consisting of one phone number, not involving UNEs, not involving complex switch translations or a reseller) or complex.

## Current State of LNP

- Local number portability is required for all providers of telecommunications service.
- Wireless carriers have voluntarily agreed to complete simple intramodal wireless porting requests within 2.5 hours of receipt of the request.
- By contrast, in 2004 the Commission adopted an interim porting interval of 4 days for simple intermodal ports.
- In 2007, in recognition of the minimal information that is needed to complete an intermodal porting request, the Commission adopted an Order limiting the amount of information that could be required by a porting-out carrier to the “Four Fields” (10-digit phone number, customer account number, ZIP code, and passcode (if applicable)).

# The Commission Should Shorten the Intermodal Porting Interval

- There is no technological reason for a long interval for intermodal porting.
- The current interval acts as a barrier to intermodal competition by attempting to frustrate consumer attempts to switch carriers.
- A shorter interval is consistent with the Commission's previous pro-consumer Orders on LNP and would be technologically neutrality.
- To the extent the Commission would like to standardize the process of porting, it should first immediately adopt a shorter intermodal interval and, consistent with past practice, refer the standardization process to the NANC.