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FCC CONSIDERS REDUCING THE TIME INTERVAL FOR NUMBER PORTING BETWEEN WIRELINE AND WIRELESS CARRIERS

Comment Sought on NANC Proposal for Intermodal Porting

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today asked for comment on a proposal by the North American Numbering Council (NANC), the FCC's advisory committee on numbering issues, for reducing the time interval for porting numbers between wireline and wireless carriers, or intermodal porting. The NANC proposes to reduce the intermodal porting interval by almost 45 percent, from 96 hours to 53 hours.

The Notice also seeks comment on alternative mechanisms for reducing the intermodal porting interval, and on whether certain classes of carriers, including small and rural carriers, should be exempt from any requirement to provide a shorter porting interval. Additionally, the Notice seeks comment on related implementation issues.

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Action by the Commission September 9, 2004, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 04-217). Chairman Powell, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein. Separate statements issued by Chairman Powell, Commissioners Copps, and Adelstein.

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