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FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (ILERI) *WPC UB*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (COX) *UB*

RE: DOCKET NO. 950737-TP - INVESTIGATION INTO TEMPORARY LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY SOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT COMPETITION IN LOCAL EXCHANGE MARKETS

AGENDA: 6/29/99 - REGULAR AGENDA- INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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CASE BACKGROUND

On April 24, 1997, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-97-0476-FOF-TP and ordered that local exchange carriers shall track the costs of providing the interim local number portability solutions until the FCC issues its order implementing a cost recovery mechanism for permanent number portability. The Commission also ordered that this docket shall remain open pending the outcome of the FCC's order implementing a cost recovery mechanism for permanent number portability.

On December 14, 1998, the FCC issued its order on permanent number portability cost recovery, Order No. FCC 95-116, in which the FCC stated that local exchange companies (LECs) may file tariffs, as indicated under the FCC Tariff 1, Section 13, for recovery of long-term number portability costs. In other words, each LEC will have different end-user charges depending on the type of costs incurred. The FCC allowed state commissions to resolve the issue of temporary number portability as long as it is done in a competitively neutral manner. The FCC did not specify a means whereby the costs incurred for temporary number portability could

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be recovered through the permanent number portability cost recovery mechanism.

On February 24, 1999, the Commission Staff conducted a workshop to discuss issues related to temporary number portability cost recovery in light of the FCC's Order on a permanent number portability cost recovery mechanism. On April 15, 1999, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and on April 22, 1999, Sprint-Florida, Inc. (Sprint) and GTE Florida, Incorporated (GTEFL) filed letters with the Commission, which indicated that no further Commission proceedings on temporary number portability cost recovery were necessary, and that the docket may be closed. Set forth below is staff's recommendation in light of these filings.

ISSUE 1: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, staff recommends that this docket should be closed. (ILERI, COX)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Staff finds that there is no further action for the Commission to take in this docket. The three affected parties, BellSouth, GTEFL, and Sprint, have all requested that the docket be closed, as they have either negotiated cost recovery mechanisms for temporary number portability through their interconnection agreements, implemented permanent number portability, or simply decided not to pursue any further cost recovery. Accordingly, staff recommends that this docket be closed.