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DATE: January 13, 1997
TO: Parties of Record
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB*
Division of Records and Reporting
RE: Docket No. 960100-TP - Generic investigation into permanent number portability.

This is to inform you that Commissioner Clark has reported the following communication in the above referenced docket.

- Letter from Chairman Dave Baker of the Georgia Public Service Commission dated December 4, 1996, and Commissioner Clark's response.

The letter from Chairman Baker and the Commissioner's response, copies of which are attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

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Attachments

cc: Rob Vandiver/w/letter

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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**IN RE: Local Telephone Number Portability Under Section 2 of the
Telecommunications Competition and Development Act of 1995.**

POLICY STATEMENT

On February 2, 1996, the Commission issued an Order adopting Local Routing Number ("LRN") as the permanent long-term call model for database number portability in Georgia. This recommendation was unanimously supported by the Steering Committee which is comprised of various industry representatives. In that Order, the Commission also approved an implementation schedule which provided for deployment of the LRN call model as soon as it becomes fully available, with a target date of July, 1997. The Steering Committee has continued to work toward completion of this effort and has successfully maintained a very aggressive schedule.

The Florida Public Service Commission has requested this Commission's opinion on the possibility of merging work efforts in hopes of reducing cost and increasing the potential efficiencies of the database. Many states are beginning to investigate possible economies that may result from joint cooperative activities. Development of a regional approach is also apparently favored by the FCC. The FCC Number Portability Rules set out specific deadlines for the states to develop local number portability ("LNP") on a permanent basis. The Commission believes that regionalizing the database may assist the states in meeting these deadlines.

The Georgia Steering Committee ("Committee") has assured this Commission that a regional focus should provide for a smoother, faster implementation track for Local Number Portability. The Committee noted the following database and operational benefits:

-Common database standards and switching, SCP and OSS requirements for the southeast region will be identified early in the planning/implementation process. This will result in lower manufacturing costs for the designated vendor - savings which will be passed on to the Service Providers and customers;

-The designated vendor should be able to build the database faster given the economies of scale to be realized from a regional focus;

-A regional focus will provide uniformity from an operational standpoint, enabling the Service Providers to ensure customers realize the benefits from local competition in a timely manner;

-Regional expansion should not impede the existing Georgia time line; and

-Individual state activity could adversely affect the time line due to Service Provider resource constraints.

The Commission commends the Steering Committee for its remarkable achievements thus far. The Commission believes that the Committee's significant progress is due, in large part, to the Commission's reliance on the industry to use its expertise within a cooperative framework. The Commission supports a regional effort as long as this framework is not disturbed. The Commission's "hands off" approach has proven to be very effective. It is important to let the industry work together on this issue with Commission oversight, not interference. The Commission supports a regional effort with this caveat.

The Commission, in its February 29, 1996, Order established frequent checkpoints throughout the implementation process to evaluate the status of the effort, to make any required course corrections, and to ensure that the direction established remains the best course of action for Georgia. The Committee files Monthly Status Reports in compliance with this directive. The Commission revises the filing requirements to include a summary of the progress being made with respect to the regionalization effort. This section of the report should indicate any changes in the previous implementation schedule that result from the Committee's participation in regionalization.

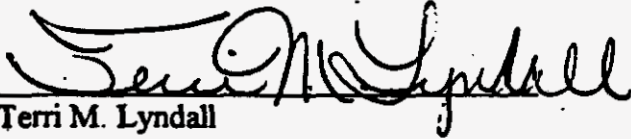
The Commission hereby adopts this policy statement to encourage the development of a regional effort with respect to Local Number Portability with the caveat that this process does not impede the current time line established for Georgia and that the process continues to be driven by the industry participants.

The Commission directs the Selection Committee to include a summary of the status of the regional effort in its monthly status report.

The Commission supports regionalization of the SMS database as a continuing effort on the part of industry representatives to achieve a smoother, faster implementation of Local Number Portability.

The Commission expressly retains jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of entering such further policy statements or orders as this commission may deem just and proper.

The above action by the Commission in its Administrative Session on November 5, 1996.



Terri M. Lyndall
Executive Secretary

Date

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Dave Baker
Chairman

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December 4, 1996

Susan F. Clark, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center
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RE: Local Number Portability

Dear Susan:

I have attached a policy statement that this Commission has recently issued with respect to our support of the development of a regional approach to Local Number Portability. I hope that our joint efforts may lead to a more efficient and effective implementation schedule for deployment of a permanent database solution. We look forward to continuing to work with you and possibly other Commissions in the Southeast. If I can be of any assistance in this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Dave Baker

cc: Stan L. Greer,
Bureau of EndUser/Carrier Services and Market Assessment, FPC

Pamela Connell, Co-Chair, Georgia LNP Steering Committee



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DATE: December 20, 1996

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Wilbur Stiles, Assistant to Chairman Clark *WJS*

RE: Communication Received in Docket No. 960100-TP, Generic Investigation Into Number Portability

Please find attached a copy of a letter of December 4, 1996, from Chairman David Baker of the Georgia Public Service Commission. Please place this memorandum and attachment on the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please give notice of this communication to all parties to the docket and inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

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From: Carol Purvis Confirm receipt
To: Curtis Williams, Charles Rehwinkel, Brenda Ferris, Braulio Baez
Subject: Ex Parte

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To: Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Curtis Williams
Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

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Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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This office has not received either letter.

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