

ATTACHMENT 8

INTERIM NUMBER PORTABILITY

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1. GTE Provisioning of Interim Number Portability

GTE shall provide, to the extent technically feasible, interim number portability (INP) in accordance with requirements of the Act and FCC 96-286. INP will be provided with minimum impairment of functionality, quality, reliability and convenience to subscribers of AT&T services. INP by remote call forwarding shall be made available for ordering by AT&T upon approval of this Agreement.

1. Interim Number Portability (INP) Methods

a) INP Methods

INP shall be provided by Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) and **Flexible** Direct Inward Dialing (**Flex** DID). AT&T shall specify on a per telephone number basis which method is to be employed and GTE shall provide such method to the extent technically feasible. If **Flex**-DID is ordered but not immediately available, AT&T may choose another available INP method until the requested service is available, provided, however, that GTE shall provide to AT&T the requested service within six (6) months of the approval of this Agreement. AT&T and GTE agree that AT&T may identify additional or revised methods of interim number portability. All such additional or modified methods of interim number portability shall be subject to the Bona Fide Request Procedures outlined in Attachment 12.

a) Remote Call Forwarding

Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) is an existing switch-based GTE service that may be used to provide subscribers with limited service-provider LNP by redirecting calls within the telephone network. When RCF is used to provide LNP, calls to the ported number will first route to the GTE switch to which the ported number was previously assigned. The GTE switch will then forward the call to a number with an NXX associated with the AT&T operated switch to which the number is ported. AT&T shall specify the number of paths required to handle multiple simultaneous calls to the same ported telephone number.

a) FLEX Direct Inward Dialing Direct Inward Dialing

When a call to the ported number reaches the GTE switch, **FLEX**-DID will route the dialed number directly to AT&T, over end-office to end-office, one-way DID trunking with multi-frequency (MF) signaling for call completion.

- i) **FLEX-DID** does not allow for overflow routing. MF signaling does not allow for passing the Calling Party Line Identification (CLID) to AT&T.
- ii) **GTE shall exchange with AT&T, SS7 TCAP messages as required for the implementation of Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) or other features available in the GTE network.**
- iii) GTE shall disclose to AT&T any technical or capacity limitations that would prevent use of a requested INP implementation in a particular switching office. GTE and AT&T shall cooperate in the process of provisioning INP to minimize customer out-of-service time.
 - a) [Intentionally Deleted]
 - b) [Intentionally Deleted]

1. **Requirements for INP**

a) **White and Yellow Page Listings**

GTE shall provide and maintain for AT&T one (1) white page and one (1) yellow page (if applicable) listing for each AT&T subscriber that has ported its number from GTE, consistent with that specified for Provisioning in this Agreement.

- a) The listing and handling of listed and nonlisted telephone numbers will be at least at parity with that provided by GTE to its own customers.

b) **Cutover Process**

GTE shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one carrier to the other so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber.

a) **Testing**

GTE shall cooperate in testing ported telephone numbers to assure call completion.

a) **Non-Geographic Numbers**

GTE shall not be required to provide number portability for non-geographic services (e.g., 500 and 900 NPAs and 976 NXX number services) under this Agreement.

- i) Compensation arrangements for terminating local traffic between GTE and AT&T shall apply to ported calls.
- ii) GTE shall pay to AT&T a portion of the terminating access revenue for calls transported from the interexchange carrier to AT&T via a GTE porting office.

a) **Treatment of TLN Calling Cards**

- i) Where technically feasible, GTE shall allow AT&T to order provisioning of TLN calling cards and Billed Number Screening (BNS), in its LIDB, for ported numbers, as specified by AT&T. GTE shall continue to allow AT&T access to its LIDB. Other LIDB provisions are specified in this Agreement.
- b) AT&T shall have the right to use the existing 9-1-1 infrastructure to the extent that AT&T's use does not reduce GTE's transmission grade of service below P.01. With respect to 9-1-1 service, associated with ported numbers under INP, AT&T shall provide to GTE, when GTE is the lead telephone company with responsibility for the PSAP's ALI-(Automatic Location Identification) database, current subscriber address records keyed to AT&T's **ported GTE's shadow** number and including GTE's ported number and GTE's company identification number as established by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). If GTE is the lead telephone company, GTE will provide the AT&T records to the ALI database as promptly as it provides its own records and will work with AT&T to establish a process to verify the accuracy of the information in the PSAP's database. There will be a fee for the verification service. If GTE is not the lead telephone company, GTE has no responsibility for AT&T's ALI records and AT&T must establish a separate agreement with the lead telephone company.