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.

1.1 In addition, except for the loss of features that may be occasioned by the use of Remote Call Forwarding or other number portability technologies, the AT&T Customer may retain its local telephone number with no loss of features and functionalities; and the post-dial delay (time elapsed between the last digit dialed and the first network response), call completion rate and transmission quality experienced by an AT&T Customer shall be equal in quality to that experienced by a similarly-situated GTE Customer with Remote Call Forwarding or other number portability technology, as the case may be.

2. Interim Number Portability (INP) Methods

2.1 INP Methods

INP shall be provided by Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) and Direct Inward Dialing (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 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 Direct Inward Dialing

When a call to the ported number reaches the GTE switch, 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.

2.3.1 DID does not allow for overflow routing. MF signaling does not allow for passing the Calling Party Line Identification (CLID) to AT&T.

2.3.2 [Intentionally deleted]

2.3.3 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.

2.4 [Intentionally Deleted]

2.5 [Intentionally Deleted]

3. Requirements for INP

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

3.3 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.

3.4 Testing

GTE shall cooperate in testing ported telephone numbers to assure call

completion.

3.5 Non-Geographic Numbers

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

3.5.1 Compensation arrangements for terminating local traffic between GTE and AT&T shall apply to ported calls.

3.5.2 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.

3.6 Treatment of TLN Calling Cards

3.6.1 Where technically feasible and where AT&T is purchasing LIDB services from GTE, GTE shall allow AT&T to order provisioning of TLN calling cards and Billed Number Screening (BNS), in its LIDB, for numbers ported on an interim basis, as specified by AT&T. GTE shall continue to allow AT&T access to its LIDB. Other LIDB provisions are specified in this Agreement.

3.7 911

AT&T shall have the right to use the existing GTE 911 infrastructure for all 911 capabilities. With respect to 911 service associated with ported numbers under INP, AT&T shall provide to GTE in GTE's capacity as administrator of the PSAP's ALI (Automatic Location Identification) database, current subscriber address records keyed to AT&T's shadow number and including GTE's ported number and GTE's company identification number as established by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). GTE will provide the AT&T records to the ALI database as promptly as it provides its own records. GTE will work with AT&T to establish a process to verify the accuracy of the information in the PSAP's database.