

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**NUMBER PORTABILITY -- SECTION 251(b)(2)**

**13.0 Number Portability – Section 251(b)(2).**

**13.1 Provision of Local Number Portability.** Each Party shall provide to the other Party Local Number Portability in accordance with the requirements of the Act and FCC orders. To the extent technically feasible, Local Number Portability will be provided by each Party with no impairment of functionality, quality, reliability and convenience to subscribers of the other Party's services.

**13.2 Permanent Number Portability ("LRN-PNP").**

13.2.1 SBC-AMERITECH and CLEC shall work to implement the LRN-PNP solution in accordance with the relevant FCC rulings, and NANC (North American Numbering Council) guidelines specified in **Section 13.4.1**.

13.2.2 SBC-AMERITECH and CLEC shall implement number portability in an end office upon the written request of the other Party in accordance with FCC timelines.

**13.3 Permanent Number Portability - Unconditional Triggering.** Each party shall support unconditional triggering technology (ten-digit triggering) throughout its network, to the extent technically feasible, to support LRN-PNP.

**13.4 Requirements for LRN-PNP.**

13.4.1 The parties shall adhere to the generic requirements for LRN-PNP as specified in the following NANC guidelines.

13.4.1.1 ATIS TRQ No.1, Technical Requirements for Number Portability - Operator Services Switching Systems, April 1999

13.4.1.2 ATIS TRQ No.2, Technical Requirements for Number Portability - Database and Global Title Translation, April 1999

13.4.1.3 ATIS TRQ No.3, Technical Requirements for Number Portability - Switching Systems, April 1999

13.4.1.4 FCC First Report and Order Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; FCC 96-286; CC Docket 95-116, RM 8535; Adopted: June 27, 1996; Released: July 2, 1996;

13.4.1.5 FCC First Memorandum Opinion and Order On

Reconsideration; FCC 97-74, CC Docket No. 95-116, RM-8535; Adopted: March 6, 1997;  
Released: March 11, 1997;

13.4.1.6 FCC Second Report and Order, FCC 97-298, CC  
Docket No. 95-116, RM 8535, Adopted August 14, 1997, Released August 18, 1997; and

13.4.1.7 North American Number Council Report from the  
LRN-PNP Administration Selection Working Group, April 25, 1997.

13.4.2 LRN-PNP will employ an "N-1" Query Methodology.

13.4.2.1 The "N" carrier is the responsible Party for  
terminating the call to the End User. The "N-1" carrier has the responsibility to determine  
if a query is required, to launch the query, and to route the call to the switch or network in  
which the telephone number resides.

13.4.2.2 For interLATA or intraLATA toll calls, the toll  
carrier (pre-subscribed or carrier code dialed) is the "N-1" carrier. The originating carrier  
will pass the call to the appropriate toll carrier either directly or through an access tandem  
office. Where one carrier is the originating local service provider ("**LSP**") and the other is  
the designated toll carrier, the originating LSP will not query toll calls delivered to the toll  
carrier or charge the toll carrier for such queries.

13.4.2.3 For local/intraLATA calls (other than pre subscribed  
or carrier code dialed calls) to a ported number, the originating carrier is the "N-1" carrier.  
It will perform an external database query and pass the call to the appropriate terminating  
carrier.

13.4.3 For local/intraLATA calls (other than pre-subscribed or carrier code  
dialed calls) to an NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LRN-PNP, the  
Party that owns the originating switch shall query an LRN-PNP database as soon as the  
call reaches the first LRN-PNP-capable switch in the call path. The Party that owns the  
originating switch shall query on a local call to an NXX in which at least one number has  
been ported via LRN-PNP prior to any attempts to route the call to any other switch. Prior  
to the first number in an NXX being ported via LRN-PNP, SBC-AMERITECH may query  
all calls directed to that NXX, subject to the billing provisions of **Article XXVII**, and  
provided that SBC-AMERITECH's queries shall not adversely affect the quality of service  
to CLEC's customers or end-users as compared to the service SBC-AMERITECH  
provides its own customers and end-users.

13.4.4 A Party shall be charged for an LRN-PNP query by the other Party  
only if the Party to be charged is the N-1 carrier and it was obligated to perform the LRN-  
PNP query but failed to do so. Parties are not obligated to perform the LNP-PNP query  
prior to the first port in an NXX.

13.4.4.1 If either party is the "N-1" carrier and the other party is the "N" carrier, and the party does not fulfill its N-1 carrier responsibility, the other party will perform queries on calls to telephone numbers with portable NXXs received from the N-1 carrier and route the call to the switch or network in which the telephone number resides.

13.4.5 On calls originating from a Party's network, the Party will populate, if technically feasible, the Jurisdiction Information Parameter (JIP) with the first six digits of the originating LRN in the Initial Address Message.

**13.5 Ordering.**

13.5.1 Porting of numbers with LRN-PNP will be initiated via Local Service Requests (“**LSR**”) in accordance with the OSS Section.

13.5.2 The carrier from which a telephone number is porting from shall be able to meet the NANC porting interval for all customers. The ported-to carrier may request a due date of greater than the NANC porting interval for a specific customer.

13.5.3 The parties may use a project management approach for the implementation of LSRs for large quantities of ported numbers or for complex porting processes, according to the following table:

LNP Qty	Description	Due Date Interval
<= 100	Stand Alone LRN-PNP	24 hrs.
<= 100	Complex Service	2 Days
> 100	Stand Alone LRN-PNP	2 Days
> 100	Complex Service	3 Days.
>1000	Stand Alone LRN-PNP	Negotiated/Project
>1000	Complex Service	Negotiated/Project

13.5.4 SBC-AMERITECH shall provide all provisioning services to CLEC during the same business hours SBC-AMERITECH provisions similar services for its end user customers, but at a minimum Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. SBC-AMERITECH will provision non-coordinated standalone number portability-only cut-overs on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except during hours on Sundays when the Regional Service Management System (“**RSMS**”) is unavailable due to update or maintenance activity. Provisioning of non-coordinated standalone number portability cut-overs on Sundays is subject to CLEC obtaining industry agreement that all carriers will conduct their Local Service Management Systems (“**LSMS**”) update or maintenance activity on Sundays during the same maintenance window as the RSMS. Recurring charges for Sunday provisioning of non-coordinated standalone number portability cut-overs will be developed via the BFR Process, and will be set forth in the **Pricing Schedule**. CLEC agrees to reimburse SBC-AMERITECH for reasonable costs incurred in developing the capability for Sunday provisioning of non-coordinated standalone LNP cut-overs, as provided in the applicable

Bona Fide Request process. Such charges shall be paid, and reimbursed when applicable, as provided in the Bona Fide Request process. If CLEC submits a Bona Fide Request that SBC-AMERITECH perform provisioning services or complete service requests at times or on days other than as required in the preceding sentences, rates for such services will be developed via the BFR Process, and be set forth in the **Pricing Schedule**.

### **13.6 Cut-Over Process.**

13.6.1 SBC-AMERITECH and CLEC shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber. Both Parties shall endeavor to update its LNP database from the NPAC SMS data within fifteen (15) minutes of receipt of a download from the NPAC SMS.

13.6.2 At the time of porting a number via LRN from either party, each party shall insure that the LIDB entry for that number is de-provisioned if the same LIDB is not being used by the other party.

13.6.3 On coordinated cuts, neither party shall remove the ported number from the end office from which a number is being ported prior to receipt of authorization from the other party, but will remove the number within thirty (30) minutes after authorization. If the unconditional LRN trigger is set, the ported number must be removed at the same time that the unconditional LRN trigger is removed.

**13.7 Excluded Numbers.** Neither Party shall be required to provide number portability for excluded numbers (e.g., 500 and 900 NPAs, 950 and 976 NXX number services, Official Communications Services (“**OCS**”) and others as excluded by FCC rulings issued from time to time) under this Agreement.

**13.8 Mass Calling.** Both SBC-AMERITECH and CLEC are required to offer number portability of telephone numbers with “choke” (i.e., mass calling) NXXs in a manner that complies with the LNPA Working Group High Volume Call-In Report to the NANC as of February 18,1998 until such time as these may be modified by the NANC or FCC.

### **13.9 Operator Services, LIDB/LVAS and Directory Assistance.**

13.9.1 The Provisions of this Agreement pertaining to Operator Services, LIDB/LVAS and Directory Assistance shall also apply when LRN-PNP is in place.

13.9.2 If Integrated Services Digital Network User Part (“**ISUP**”) signaling is used, both parties shall provide, if technically feasible, the Jurisdiction Information Parameter (“**JIP**”) in the SS7 Initial Address Message (“**IAM**”). (See ATIS TRQ No. 1, Technical Requirements for Number Portability - Operator Services Switching Systems, April 1999).

**13.10 Porting of DID Block Numbers.**

13.10.1 SBC-AMERITECH and CLEC shall offer number portability to customers for any portion of an existing DID block without being required to port the entire block of DID numbers.

13.10.2 SBC-AMERITECH shall permit customers who port a portion of DID numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID numbers, provided such is consistent with applicable tariffs.