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August 30, 1996

Regina Keeney, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 500
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In The Matter of Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, RM 8535

Dear Ms. Keeney:

Pursuant to paragraph 198 of the First Report And Order And Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking released on July 2, 1996 in the above-referenced proceeding, this letter is to advise you that the Industry Numbering Committee ("INC") of the Alliance For Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") acknowledges the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") directive to the INC to examine " the technical feasibility of requiring the LECs to make their assigned 500 and 900 numbers portable, whether it be through modifying the existing toll free database or through another system" and respond back to the FCC within twelve months from the effective date of the above-referenced order.

INC has initiated several activities to begin its work in response to this directive. At its most recent meeting (held July 29-August 2, 1996), the INC prepared and accepted three new issues (Issues 090, 091, and 092 as attached). The process which INC uses to reach consensus on such matters as that directed by the Commission requires that an issue be introduced and accepted by the consensus of the participants. An issue, once accepted, will initiate the work effort and deliberations by the INC. Such deliberations have now begun on the work requested by the Commission. It should be noted, however, that INC's mission statement is " to address and resolve industry-wide issues associated with the planning, administration, allocation, assignment and use of numbering resources and related dialing considerations for public telecommunications within the North American Numbering Plan ("NANP") area." As a result, there are certain aspects of this technical feasibility report for 500 and 900 portability, specifically those related to the architectural and interconnection aspects, which are more appropriately addressed by the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum ("ICCF"), largely because the subject matter expertise resides in the ICCF. For this



reason, INC Issue 092 has been referred to and accepted by the ICCF (ICCF Issue 293).

The ICCF, also an ATIS-sponsored committee, has as its mission to resolve national technical issues associated with telecommunications network interconnection, and the issues associated with the assignment and use of numbering resources utilized within the area served by the NANP. INC subtends the ICCF, and thus, the mission statement of the ICCF incorporates those areas which INC works on. Even though there are collaborative efforts by two different industry fora, INC will ultimately provide the report to the FCC as directed. The INC is co-chaired by Robert Hirsch (AT&T) and Dennis Byrne (The United States Telephone Association). The ICCF Moderator is Ron Havens (Sprint) and the Assistant Moderator is Mary Ann Weldon (National Exchange Carrier Association).

We hope that you find this information useful and these efforts responsive to your directive. The INC and the ICCF are continuing to plan activities (both conference calls and meetings) which will move this work forward. If you have any questions regarding these activities or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 434-8828, and I will facilitate your contacts with the committees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Miller".

Susan M. Miller
ATIS Vice President & General Counsel

Attachments

cc: William F. Caton, Acting Secretary