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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON CENTURYLINK PETITION FOR WAIVER OF DEADLINE TO IMPLEMENT NUMBER PORTABILITY PORTING INTERVAL AND VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

WC Docket No. 07-244 CC Docket No. 95-116

COMMENTS DUE: June 29, 2010

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: July 6, 2010

On June 7, 2010, CenturyLink filed a petition pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules seeking a waiver of the August 2, 2010, deadline for implementation of one-business day number porting.¹ The Commission's *Porting Interval Order* mandated that providers subject to local number portability (LNP) rules complete simple wireline-to-wireline and simple intermodal port requests within one business day.² CenturyLink requests a limited waiver of this requirement (*i.e.*, an extension of time) until May 1, 2011, to implement the one-business day porting requirement.³ CenturyLink states that due to the recent merger of CenturyTel with Embarq Systems, CenturyLink is in the midst of integrating two operating systems and believes that in its case, strict compliance with the August 2, 2010 deadline would be costly, wasteful, and harmful to the public.⁴

Interested parties may file comments on the CenturyLink Petition on or before **June 29, 2010** and reply comments on or before **July 6, 2010**. Filings in this proceeding should be captioned "CenturyLink Petition for Waiver of Deadline" and filed in **WC Docket No. 07-244** and **CC Docket No. 95-116**.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁵ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.3; CenturyLink Petition for Waiver of Deadline, WC Docket No. 07-244, CC Docket No. 95-116, at 1 (filed June 7, 2010) (CenturyLink Petition). *See also Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements; Telephone Number Portability*, WC Docket No. 07-244, CC Docket No. 95-116, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 24 FCC Rcd 6084 (2009) (*Porting Interval Order*).

² See Porting Interval Order, 24 FCC Rcd at 6084, para. 1.

³ CenturyLink Petition at 3, 10.

⁴ See generally CenturyLink Petition.

⁵ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking numbers. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

- Effective December 28, 2009, all hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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Documents in WC Docket No. 07-244 and CC Docket No. 95-116 will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

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For further information, contact Marilyn Jones, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2357.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 et seq.

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).