

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Telephone Number Portability	)	CC Docket No. 95-116
	)	
Numbering Resource Optimization	)	CC Docket No. 99-200

**ORDER**

**Adopted: August 15, 2018**

**Released: August 15, 2018**

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On August 11, 2018, Inland Cellular LLC (Inland), a small wireless carrier in the Pacific Northwest, experienced a catastrophic network outage due to a commercial power spike in the region.<sup>1</sup> As a result, its entire core network was affected, including the database that enables roaming – the Home Location Register (HLR) – and approximately 40,000 customers are without service. Until its network issue is permanently resolved, Inland has arranged for the use of a third party HLR through Midwest Network Solutions Hub, LLC (MNS Hub). Inland proposes to temporarily port all its subscribers’ numbers to the MNS Hub, which will permit inbound calls to be routed correctly and alert roaming partners to accept Inland subscribers on their networks.<sup>2</sup> Inland anticipates that it will take up to 90 days to permanently resolve its network issue.<sup>3</sup>

2. In order to ensure that Inland’s customers maintain access to telecommunications services, which is necessary for their safety and well-being, it is in the public interest to assist Inland as it restores its network. Therefore, we direct iconectiv, the Local Number Portability Administrator, to work with Inland to allow porting across the LATA boundary during this emergency.<sup>4</sup> This directive is in effect immediately and for 90 days, expiring on November 13, 2018. If Inland is unable to resume service on a normal basis after this period, it may request additional relief from the Wireline Competition Bureau.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from L. Charles Keller, Counsel to Inland Cellular LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 and 95-116, Attach. (filed Aug. 15, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 251(b)(2), and 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 251(b)(2) and 251(e), and section 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.291.

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