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Bell Atlantic's Petition Documenting Public Interest in Establishing New Service and Rate Elements under Section 69.4(g) of the Commission's Rules

Pleading Cycle Established

CCB/CPD 97-52

COMMENTS: October 3, 1997

REPLY COMMENTS: October 10, 1997

On September 19, 1997, Bell Atlantic filed a petition stating that the Commission has determined that a local exchange carrier (LEC) may charge other service providers for number portability database inquiries that it does for the other providers.¹ Bell Atlantic states, however, that the Commission's existing rules do not permit LECs to impose such charges. Therefore, this petition is filed for permission to establish a new switched access service, Service Provider Number Portability Database Service (SPNPDS). Bell Atlantic notes that Section 69.4(g) of the Commission's Rules permits a local exchange carrier to establish switched access rate elements for a new service upon approval of a petition demonstrating that the request is in the public interest.

Bell Atlantic proposes to implement number portability in two central offices on October 31, 1997, and at that time must have a way to charge other carriers for database inquiries it does for them. It states that Bell Atlantic cannot wait for final Commission rules on number portability cost recovery and is filing this petition for interim relief. Bell Atlantic contends that the proposed SPNPDS rate elements are in the public interest and their request should be granted.

Interested parties may file comments on the Bell Atlantic petition no later than **October 3, 1997**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **October 10, 1997**. When filing comments please reference the internal file number of **CCB/CPD 97-52**.

An original and four copies of all comments must be filed in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at 1231 - 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036 and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information, contact Wanda M.Harris, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau. (202) 418-1530.

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¹ *Telephone Number Portability*, CC Docket No. 95-116, First Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration (rel. Mar. 11, 1997) ("Reconsideration Order").