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## **FCC PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS ON WIRELESS LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY**

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a fact sheet for consumers on wireless local number portability (WLNP). WLNP allows a wireless consumer to change service providers within a given location and keep the same phone number. The FCC's rules require wireless carriers to make WLNP available to consumers in the top 100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) starting November 24, 2003. In areas outside the top 100 MSAs, WLNP will be available by May 24, 2004, or within six months of a wireless carrier's receiving a porting request from another carrier, whichever is later.

The WLNP fact sheet explains the steps consumers should follow to keep their wireless telephone number when changing service providers and highlights what consumers should expect from the porting process. The fact sheet includes information on how long the porting process should take, possible charges consumers may incur for number portability, and the use of 911 services during the porting process. The fact sheet also includes a map and a list of the MSAs where number portability will begin on November 24, 2003.

The WLNP fact sheet is attached and is available on the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Web site at [www.fcc.gov/cgb](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb).

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