

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements*, WC Docket No. 07-244; *Telephone Number Portability*, CC Docket No. 95-116

I am pleased to support today's Order, which provides the final steps needed for carriers to implement the one-business day local number porting interval for wireline-to-wireline and intermodal ports that this Commission unanimously adopted just over one year ago when I was Acting Chairman. In the 1996 Telecommunications Act, Congress imposed a number portability obligation on providers so consumers could retain their phone numbers when switching carriers. This was both consumer-friendly and competition-friendly. But not only do consumers have to be able to port their numbers, the providers need to complete the ports in a timely manner. The FCC figured this out over a dozen years ago when it implemented a four-business day interval, and I think the shortened interval we adopted in last year's *Porting Interval Order* was a much-needed and achievable update. I am pleased that, as promised, this Order adopts the necessary steps—standardized data fields for simple ports and the North American Numbering Council (NANC) recommendations for porting process provisioning flows and for addressing the one-business day requirement—to make the one-business day interval happen. No doubt, there are always other issues to be considered—the interval for some non-simple ports or outstanding questions regarding CPNI to name just two. But, at this time, the NANC, the FCC staff and the Chairman's office have done great work in preparing companies to implement this, starting in August. I thank you all, and my colleagues, for the hard work put into finishing this process. I look forward to witnessing and experiencing the many benefits that will, I am confident, flow from the implementation of this change.