

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MEREDITH A. BAKER**

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

I support this item today because efficient and timely local number portability is important to promote competition among service providers to the benefit of consumers. But perhaps more importantly, consumers care about numbers. They care about retaining their numbers when they switch providers and they care that porting their numbers goes as smoothly as possible. We take an important step toward improving the efficiency and timeliness of simple ports with this Order today. I thank the NANC members for their work on this issue and I commend the bureau staff for their fine work on this proceeding.