



Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2008-11

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Notice of consultation

Regulatory framework for the implementation of wireless number portability within the serving territories of the small incumbent local exchange carriers

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Introduction

1. In Telecom Decision 2005-72, the Commission required the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to support porting activities involving wireless carriers and set out the regulatory framework that would allow the porting of telephone numbers between wireless carriers, and between wireless and wireline carriers. The Commission also determined a timeline for the implementation of wireless number portability (WNP) in most of the exchanges in the ILEC operating territories.
2. In Telecom Decision 2006-28 and in subsequent decisions resulting from work done regarding WNP by the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee, the Commission made several determinations regarding specific issues concerning the implementation of WNP in the ILEC operating territories that had not been resolved in Telecom Decision 2005-72.
3. In Telecom Decision 2006-14, the Commission determined that where there is a *bona fide* request for facilities-based competitive entry, the small incumbent local exchange carrier (SILEC)¹ in question is required to submit an implementation plan that would allow the introduction of local competition, including local number portability (LNP), in its operating territory. The implementation plan is to include details such as the start-up costs to implement local competition including LNP and how those costs will be recovered, and any other implementation issues that may be unique to that SILEC.
4. On 30 November 2007, certain SILECs filed an application with the Commission acknowledging that some of them had received requests by wireless carriers to have WNP implemented in certain of their exchanges. The SILECs submitted that they were not subject to the Commission's determinations to implement WNP in the ILEC operating territories. While the SILECs did not argue against the introduction of WNP in their operating territories, they submitted that a framework for the implementation of WNP specific to the SILECs needed to be established that took into consideration their size and limited resources. Accordingly, the SILECs requested the initiation of a public proceeding.
5. In reply, Rogers Communications Inc. (RCI) submitted that the Commission had already established a framework for the implementation of WNP in Canada, and that there was no need to modify the SILEC regulatory framework for local competition in order to implement

¹ See the attachment to this Public Notice for a list of SILECs.

WNP in the SILECs' operating territories. RCI requested that the Commission direct the SILECs to implement WNP in a manner that was consistent with the WNP determinations applicable to the ILEC operating territories.

6. The record of this proceeding is available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca under "Public Proceedings."
7. The Commission notes that the development of the framework for the implementation of WNP in the ILEC operating territories took place before local competition was allowed in the SILEC operating territories. The Commission also notes that the SILECs were not party to, and did not fully participate in the proceedings that led to the development of the framework for the implementation of WNP in the ILEC operating territories.
8. The Commission notes that in Telecom Decision 2006-14, it approved a framework for the implementation of local competition in the SILEC operating territories that differed from that approved for the ILECs and took into consideration the particular circumstances of the SILECs.
9. The Commission considers that implementing WNP in the operating territories of the SILECs would enhance wireless competition and end-user choice. The Commission therefore finds that there is merit in initiating a public proceeding regarding a framework for the implementation of WNP within the SILEC operating territories.
10. Given that the Commission is launching a proceeding, it considers that this Public Notice effectively disposes of the SILECs' application of 30 November 2007.

Call for comments

11. The Commission invites parties to comment on the appropriate framework for the implementation of WNP in the operating territories of the SILECs, including the following issues:
 - (1) Which aspects, if any, of the current WNP framework² applicable to the ILECs, including the recovery of costs, are not appropriate in the context of the SILECs and why?
 - (2) What are the unique requirements/limitations of the SILECs with regard to WNP and how could these be effectively addressed?
 - (3) Which aspects, if any, of the Commission's determinations in Telecom Decision 2006-14, with regard to the implementation of LNP, are not appropriate to apply to the implementation of WNP within the operating territories of the SILECs and why?

² The relevant Commission determinations regarding the WNP framework for the ILECs can be found at <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/cisc/eng/wireless.htm>.

- (4) What, if any, additional interconnection arrangements or traffic exchange agreements would be necessary and why?
- (5) What, if any, additional processes or procedures would need to be developed specifically for the SILECs?

Procedure

12. RCI and the SILECs listed in the attachment to this Public Notice are made parties to this proceeding.
13. Parties interested in participating in this proceeding (including receiving copies of all submissions) must notify the Commission of their intention to do so by filling out the [online form](#); or by writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2; or by faxing to: 819-994-0218 by **3 July 2008** (the registration date). Parties are to provide their email address, where available. If parties do not have access to the Internet, they are to indicate in their notice whether they wish to receive disk versions of hard-copy filings.
14. The Commission will post on its website, as soon as possible after the registration date, a complete list of interested parties and their mailing addresses (including their email addresses, if available), identifying those parties who wish to receive disk versions.
15. All parties may file with the Commission, serving copies on all other parties, comments with regard to the above-noted issues by **21 July 2008**.
16. All parties may file with the Commission, serving copies on all other parties, reply comments by **5 August 2008**.
17. The Commission expects to issue a decision on the issues raised in this Public Notice within 120 days after the record closes.
18. The Commission will not formally acknowledge comments. It will, however, fully consider all comments and they will form part of the public record of the proceeding.
19. Where a document is to be filed or served by a specific date, the document must be actually received, not merely sent, by that date.
20. Parties may file their submissions electronically or on paper. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
21. Electronic submissions should be in HTML format. As an alternative, those making submissions may use "Microsoft Word" for text and "Microsoft Excel" for spreadsheets.
22. Each paragraph of all submissions should be numbered. In addition, the line *****End of document***** should be entered following the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.

23. The Commission also encourages parties to monitor the record of this proceeding (and/or the Commission's website) for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.

Important notice

24. Note that all information that you provide as part of this public process, except information granted confidentiality, whether sent by postal mail, facsimile, email or through the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's website. This information includes your personal information, such as your full name, email address, postal/street address, telephone and facsimile number(s), and any other personal information you provide.
25. The personal information you provide will be used and may be disclosed for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by the Commission, or for a use consistent with that purpose.
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27. Please note that the information you provide to the Commission as part of this public process is entered into an unsearchable database dedicated to this specific public process. This database is accessible only from the webpage of this particular public process. As a result, a general search of our website with the help of either our own search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information which was provided as part of this public process.

Location of CRTC offices

28. Submissions may be examined or will be made available promptly upon request at the Commission offices during normal business hours:

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Secretary General

Related documents

- *Regulatory issues related to the implementation of wireless number portability – Follow-up to Public Notice 2006-3, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-28, 18 May 2006*
- *Revised regulatory framework for the small incumbent local exchange carriers, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-14, 29 March 2006*
- *Implementation of wireless number portability, Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-72, 20 December 2005*

This document is available in alternative format upon request, and may also be examined in PDF format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>

List of SILECs

British Columbia

CityWest Telephone Corporation

Ontario

Amtelecom Limited Partnership*
Brooke Telecom Co-operative Ltd.*
Bruce Telecom*
Cochrane Telecom Services*
Dryden Municipal Telephone System
Execulink Telecom Inc.*
Gosfield North Communications Co-operative Limited*
Hay Communications Co-operative Limited*
Huron Telecommunications Co-operative Limited*
Kenora Municipal Telephone System
Lansdowne Rural Telephone Co. Ltd.*
Mornington Communications Co-operative Limited*
Nexicom Telecommunications Inc.*
Nexicom Telephones Inc.*
North Frontenac Telephone Corporation Ltd.*
NorthernTel, Limited Partnership
NRTC Communications*
Ontera
People's Tel Limited Partnership
Quadro Communications Co-operative Inc.*
Roxborough Telephone Company Limited*
TBayTel
Tuckersmith Communications Co-operative Limited*
Wightman Telecom Ltd.*
WTC Communications*

Quebec

CoopTel*
Compagnie de téléphone Nantes inc.*
La Cie de Téléphone de Courcelles Inc.*
La Compagnie de Téléphone Lambton Inc.
La Compagnie de Téléphone St-Victor
La Compagnie de Téléphone Upton Inc.*
La Compagnie de Téléphone de Warwick*
La Corporation de Téléphone de La Baie – 1993
Le Téléphone de St-Éphrem inc.
Sogetel inc.*
Téléphone Guèvremont inc.
Téléphone Milot inc. *

* SILECs that filed 30 November 2007 application