

## Conversion from INP to PNP.

Once a long-term database method of providing Local Number Portability (PNP) is implemented in an end office, with advance written notice, neither Party shall provide new number portability arrangements in that end office using interim number portability (INP). The official notice advising an end office is now PNP compatible will be as posted in the LERG 45 days in advance of the ready to port date of that office. Advance notice of PNP implementation for all BellSouth end offices is also posted on the Interconnection web site. The LERG posting for PNP eligibility date will begin the transition from INP to PNP for all INP services.. The transition from existing INP arrangements to PNP shall occur within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date PNP is implemented in the end office or as mutually agreed to by both Parties during the transition period. BellSouth will provision Local Service Requests for INP with due dates contained prior to the end office implementation date. Requests for INP with due dates on or after the PNP implementation date will be returned to the requesting Party for subsequent submission as PNP. Neither Party shall charge the other Party for conversion from INP to PNP. The Parties shall comply with any INP/PNP transition processes established by the FCC and State Commissions and appropriate industry number portability work groups. BellSouth and CLEC will work cooperatively in the submission of transition orders to ensure that end user outage during the conversion is minimal. Ordering guidelines for PNP can be found on the web and are contained in the

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties acknowledge that the FCC has determined once PNP has been deployed pursuant to the FCC's orders, rules and regulations, that all local exchange carriers (LECs) have the duty to provide PNP. Therefore, either Party, at any time, may seek appropriate legal or regulatory relief concerning the transition from INP to PNP or other related issues.

### 1.2 Conversion Policy

### 1.3 BellSouth implemented the conversion of Interim Number Portability (INP) to Local Number Portability (PNP) as follows:

- Conversion of INP numbers to PNP is handled as a project and as such will be coordinated by a BellSouth project manager to ensure timely conversion of all INP to PNP accounts.
- All INP numbers in PNP capable switches will be converted to PNP within 120 days after the office is PNP capable.
- BellSouth will continue to offer INP until the completion date of PNP for the wire center.

### 1.2.1 Conversion Schedule

The schedule to implement PNP in the 21 MSAs in the BellSouth region is as mandated by the FCC may be viewed by accessing the Carrier Notification Web site. The notification also outlines the conversion schedule for all of BellSouth's switches.

#### Specific Conversion activities

The BellSouth Account Team contacts each CLEC with INP accounts to negotiate a conversion schedule.

During the 120 day conversion period for each MSA, the Local Carrier Service Center (LCSC) will provide special handling for the requests to convert INP to PNP. These requests will be logged by a project manager and project managed to ensure end user service outage is minimal. Unless listing changes are requested, the CLECs may use a specially designed form provided by the project manager or account team in lieu of the Local Service Request (LSR), End User (EU), and Number Portability (NP) forms.

If changes are to be made to the INP account, the LSR should follow the normal process flow for ordering instead of the INP to PNP conversion plan.

#### FOC

During the conversion period, if a CLEC uses the request form in lieu of the LSR, the form will include provisions for providing a manual FOC. If the request is submitted electronically, the FOC will be sent back to the CLEC an electronic FOC.

### 1.3 Routing of Calls to the LRN

Trigger orders are not used for INP telephone numbers. Once the activate message is sent to the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) by the new service provider, (with exception of the end user's serving wire center) incoming calls are routed to the new provider. Calls from within the end user's servicing wire center will not route to the new Local Routing Number (LRN) until the porting D order processes.

#### Permanent Number Solution

- 2.1 The FCC, the Commissions and industry forums have developed a permanent approach to providing service provider number

portability and BellSouth is working to implement Local Number Portability (“PNP”). Both Parties agree to implement a permanent approach as developed and approved by the Commission, the FCC and industry forums. Consistent with the requirements to move to PNP, interim Service Provider Number Portability (“SPNP”) is available pursuant to this attachment.

2.2 BellSouth and CLEC will adhere to the process flows and cutover guidelines outlined in “The Local Number Portability Ordering Guide for CLECs, which may be found on the web at <http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/guides/guides.html>.

2.2.1 BellSouth and CLEC will work cooperatively to implement changes to PNP process flows ordered by the FCC or as recommended by standard industry forums addressing PNP.

2.2.2 Both Parties shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber. BellSouth will set LRN unconditional or 10-digit triggers where applicable, which should ensure no interruption to the end user. Where triggers are set, BellSouth removes the ported number at the same time the trigger is removed.

2.2.3 For porting of numbers where triggers are not set, the Parties shall coordinate the porting of the number between service providers so as to minimize service interruptions to the end user.

2.2.4 BellSouth will provide ordering support for CLEC’s PNP requests Monday through Friday 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM EST. BellSouth normal hours of operation for provisioning support are defined in Attachment 6. Ordering and provisioning support required by CLEC outside of these hours will be considered outside of normal business hours and will be subject to overtime billing. For stand alone PNP where LRN unconditional or 10-digit triggers are set, CLEC may port numbers during times that are supported by the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) 24 hours a day 7 days a week. BellSouth will provide maintenance assistance to CLEC 24 hours a day 7 days a week to resolve issues arising from the porting of numbers for problems isolated to the BellSouth network.

2.2.5 Performance Measurements for BellSouth providing PNP are located in Attachment 11 to this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

- 2.3 BellSouth will use best efforts to update switch translations, where necessary, in time frames that are consistent with the time frames BellSouth's end users experience or as offered to other CLECs.
- 2.4 CLEC may request deployment of PNP according to and pursuant to the rules and regulations set forth in 47 CFR § 52.23.
- 2.5 End User Line Charge. Recovery of charges associated with implementing PNP through a monthly charge assessed to end users has been authorized by the FCC. This end user line charge will be as filed in BellSouth's FCC Tariff No. 1 and will be billed to CLEC where CLEC is a subscriber to local switching or where CLEC is a reseller of BellSouth telecommunications services. This charge will not be discounted.