

LNPA(s) can be the same entity selected to be the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, how the LNPA(s) should be selected, the specific duties of the LNPA(s), the geographic coverage of the regional databases, the technical interoperability and operational standards, the user interface between telecommunications carriers and the LNPA(s), the network interface between the SMS and the downstream databases, and the technical specifications for the regional databases.

(e) Once the NANC has selected the LNPA(s) and determined the locations of the regional databases, it must report its decisions to the Commission.

(f) The information contained in the regional databases shall be limited to the information necessary to route telephone calls to the appropriate telecommunications carriers. The NANC shall determine what specific information is necessary.

(g) Any state may opt out of its designated regional database and implement a state-specific database. A state must notify the Common Carrier Bureau and NANC that it plans to implement a state-specific database within 60 days from the release date of the Public Notice issued by the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, identifying the administrator selected by the NANC and the proposed locations of the regional databases. Carriers may challenge a state's decision to opt out of the regional database system by filing a petition with the Commission.

(h) Individual state databases must meet the national requirements and operational standards recommended by the NANC and adopted by the Commission. In addition, such state databases must be technically compatible with the regional system of databases and must not interfere with the scheduled implementation of the regional databases.

(i) Individual carriers may download information necessary to provide number portability from the regional databases into their own downstream databases. Individual carriers may mix information needed to provide other services or functions with the information downloaded from the regional databases at their own downstream data-

bases. Carriers may not withhold any information necessary to provide number portability from the regional databases on the grounds that such data has been combined with other information in its downstream database.

**§ 52.26 NANC Recommendations on Local Number Portability Administration.**

(a) Local number portability administration shall comply with the recommendations of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) as set forth in the report to the Commission prepared by the NANC's Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group, dated April 25, 1997 (*Working Group Report*) and its appendices, which are incorporated by reference pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. *Except that:* Section 7.10 of Appendix D of the *Working Group Report* is not incorporated herein.

(b) In addition to the requirements set forth in the *Working Group Report*, the following requirements are established:

(1) If a telecommunications carrier transmits a telephone call to a local exchange carrier's switch that contains any ported numbers, and the telecommunications carrier has failed to perform a database query to determine if the telephone number has been ported to another local exchange carrier, the local exchange carrier may block the unqueried call only if performing the database query is likely to impair network reliability;

(2) The regional limited liability companies (LLCs), already established by telecommunications carriers in each of the original Bell Operating Company regions, shall manage and oversee the local number portability administrators, subject to review by the NANC, but only on an interim basis, until the conclusion of a rule-making to examine the issue of local number portability administrator oversight and management and the question of whether the LLCs should continue to act in this capacity; and

(3) The NANC shall provide ongoing oversight of number portability administration, including oversight of the regional LLCs, subject to Commission review. Parties shall attempt to resolve

issues regarding number portability deployment among themselves and, if necessary, under the auspices of the NANC. If any party objects to the NANC's proposed resolution, the NANC shall issue a written report summarizing the positions of the parties and the basis for the recommendation adopted by the NANC. The NANC Chair shall submit its proposed resolution of the disputed issue to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau as a recommendation for Commission review. The Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau will place the NANC's proposed resolution on public notice. Recommendations adopted by the NANC and forwarded to the Bureau may be implemented by the parties pending review of the recommendation. Within 90 days of the conclusion of the comment cycle, the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau may issue an order adopting, modifying, or rejecting the recommendation. If the Chief does not act within 90 days of the conclusion of the comment cycle, the recommendation will be deemed to have been adopted by the Bureau.

(c) The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies of the *Working Group Report* and its appendices can be obtained from the Commission's contract copier, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and can be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations; Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554 or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. The *Working Group Report* and its appendices are also available in the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Nanc/>.

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**§ 52.27 Deployment of transitional measures for number portability.**

(a) All LECs shall provide transitional number portability measures, as defined in section 52.21(q) of this chapter, 47 CFR 52.21(q), as soon as reasonably possible upon receipt of a specific

request from another telecommunications carrier, until such time as the LEC implements a long-term database method for number portability in that area.

(b) A LEC must provide the particular transitional number portability measure requested by a telecommunications carrier, except as set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) A LEC that does not provide a requested transitional number portability measure must demonstrate that provision of the requested transitional number portability measure either is not technically feasible or if technically feasible, is unduly burdensome.

(1) Previous successful provision of a particular transitional number portability measure by any LEC constitutes substantial evidence that the particular method is technically feasible.

(2) In determining whether provision of a transitional number portability measure is unduly burdensome, relevant factors to consider are the extent of network upgrades needed to provide that particular method, the cost of such upgrades, the business needs of the requesting carrier, and the timetable for deployment of a long-term number portability method in that particular geographic location.

(d) LECs must discontinue using transitional number portability measures in areas where a long-term number portability method has been implemented.

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**§ 52.29 Cost recovery for transitional measures for number portability.**

Any cost recovery mechanism for the provision of number portability pursuant to § 52.7(a), that is adopted by a state commission must not:

(a) Give one telecommunications carrier an appreciable, incremental cost advantage over another telecommunications carrier, when competing for a specific subscriber (*i.e.*, the recovery mechanism may not have a disparate effect on the incremental costs of competing carriers seeking to serve the same customer); or