

Local and mobile number portability submission by []

I wish to submit my view that it is essential for the protection of consumers that the current protocols for Local (landline) and mobile phone number portability be retained for as long as the commission has a mandate to enforce this.

My rationale for this is that mobile phone number in particular are being increasingly used for the delivery of essential health and welfare information via SMS services and many disadvantaged groups who are price sensitive and switch providers frequently as better pricing becomes available.

By preventing or restricting the transfer of a subscriber's number to a new provider will lock consumers into providers, removing the incentive for competitive pricing by providers.

Sincerely,

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