

(5) Unless a longer reservation is needed for the effective management of the National Numbering Plan, the limit for reservations for fixed and mobile ranges of numbers will be 6 months. Reservations may be renewed on request to the Commission and at its discretion.

(6) The Minister may terminate a reservation awarded to a person who has applied for a licence under the Telecommunications Act, if that person does not meet the criteria for primary assignment of numbers within a time period that the Commission considers reasonable.

Notification of bringing into use

12. (1) It shall be the responsibility of the Resource User to notify the Commission, other relevant operators and service providers and all institutions involved in the administration of the NANP of the dates on which assigned numbers and codes are activated within the timescales agreed with those other operators or service providers or specified by those institutions.

(2) Every Resource User shall notify the Minister of the contact in its organization who is to be notified of the dates for activation of the numbers and codes assigned to other operators or service providers. The Minister will maintain a list of these contacts and shall make it available on request.

Number Portability

13. (1) It is the intention of the Commission to introduce number portability in Anguilla as soon as reasonably practicable for all licensed fixed and mobile telecommunications service providers, for purposes of promoting competition throughout the sector. To that end, the Commission shall initiate a public consultation proceeding within 180 days from 23rd August 2004 to determine the technical feasibility, timing, costs, and market impacts of introducing various options for number portability.

(2) This consultation proceeding shall address, among others, the following issues—

- (a) the most appropriate technical and service arrangements for providing number portability by various types of service providers;
- (b) the costs associated with introducing and maintaining number portability, and how such costs should be recovered;
- (c) how quickly service providers can introduce both interim and permanent number portability;
- (d) whether portability should be required between mobile and fixed line network services, or only between fixed-to-fixed and mobile-to-mobile services, and the technical and economic questions raised by these options;
- (e) the anticipated market impact, in terms of competitive opportunity, customer choice, pricing, and other considerations, of various portability options;
- (f) what adjustments, if any, should be made to the National Numbering Plan and/or to these Regulations to accommodate the requirements of number portability;
- (g) any other issues that the Commission or interested parties deem important to consider in devising a national policy and regulations on number portability.

Withdrawal of numbers

14. (1) The Commission may withdraw assigned numbers from Resource Users only if—

- (a) there is an overriding national interest in doing so; and