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Dear Mr. Charles,

**RE: Consultation on Policy Recommendation for the Adoption of Number Portability in  
ECTEL States**

1. The NTRC Grenada applaud ECTEL for accepting our recommendation made to develop a regulatory framework to implement Number Portability in the ECTEL member states.

On July 15, 2010 a research paper on Number Portability (NP) was sent to ECTEL proposing the implementation of Provider Number Portability , please see attached for details.

2. The NTRC Grenada believes that effective implementation of Number Portability would enable the development of Telecommunications throughout the ECTEL member states .
3. The NTRC Grenada recommends the adoption of Provider Portability in conjunction with Service Portability to be offer to both mobile and Fixedline customers. This will improve quality of service and create innovation within the ECTEL member states.
4. NP within the fixedline market may represent a viable option, however, NTRC Grenada recommends further analysis to determine the feasibility, considering the cost and trend for:
  - Mobile to Mobile
  - Mobile to Fixedline vice versa

5. The Table below demonstrates a list of countries in Europe where number portability has been successfully implemented. It should be noted that provider portability, centralized database solution and All Calls Query has been the most popular form of implementation.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Type of database</b>	<b>Routing of fixed to mobile</b>	<b>Routing of mobile to mobile</b>	<b>Time to port</b>	<b>Type of portability</b>
<b>Austria</b>	<b>Distributed</b>	<b>OR or ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>3 wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ &amp; QoR</b>	<b>2 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>5 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Distributed</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>14 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>7wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Finland</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>5 wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>Phase 1 OR Phase2 ACQ</b>	<b>Phase 1 OR Phase 2 ACQ</b>	<b>10 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>OR / ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>4wdays+2</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ / QoR</b>	<b>ACQ / QoR</b>	<b>14wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>10wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>2 hrs</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>5 wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>

<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>28 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>Distributed</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>4hrs</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Norway</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>7 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Centralized</b>	<b>ACQ/QoR</b>	<b>ACQ/QoR</b>	<b>5-20 w days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>ACQ</b>	<b>5 wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Spain</b>	<b>Distributed</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>5 days</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>OR/ACQ</b>	<b>OR/ACQ</b>	<b>5 wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Centralised</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>5 wdays</b>	<b>Service provider</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Distributed</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>2 wdays +1cal. week</b>	<b>Service provider</b>

6. The NTRC Grenada trusts that the comments set out above and the attached correspondence will receive favorable consideration by ECTEL and recommends that a deeper analysis of this technology should be done to specify the relevant regulatory framework approach to ensure that Number portability is effective in the ECTEL member states.

Sincerely,

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