

NUMBER PORTABILITY-INTERIM

A. GENERAL

Number Portability-Interim (NP-I) Service is a service provided by BA-PA to Other Telephone Companies (OTC). It allows an end-user customer of BA-PA to subscribe to local exchange service from an OTC and to retain the telephone number assigned by BA-PA under the same terms and conditions as any BA-PA local exchange subscriber.

B. REGULATIONS

1. NP-I services and facilities will only be provided where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities, and from properly equipped central offices. NP-I services and facilities are not offered for NXX codes 555, 915, 976, 950 or BA-PA coin telephone service.
2. When the exchange service offering(s) associated with NP-I services is (are) provisioned using remote switch(es), NP-I service is only available from the host central office.
3. The OTC is responsible for all charges to NP-I numbers and for the final termination of the calls to its end-users.
4. Only customer-dialed, sent-paid calls will be forwarded to the OTC unless the OTC has a billing agreement with BA-PA regarding other calls.
5. NP-I service will be provided with the OTC-specified number of paths when ordered. A maximum of 99 NP-I paths can be ordered on the measured rate option so long as facilities exist and no interference or impairment of any other services offered by the Company results. Additional paths, when ordered subsequent to the initial placement of NP-I service, will incur a charge for installation and a service order charge.
6. NP-I service is not represented as suitable for satisfactory transmission of data.
7. NP-I service may only be used to forward calls to an OTC number that is associated with the same exchange as the BA-Pa number.
8. NP-I service is only offered to OTCs which provide the equivalent of NP-I service.

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9. Referral service, in which an automated announcement is made advising the caller that the end-user being called has a new telephone number, is not available on NP-I service when the end-user disconnects from the OTC.

10. Responsibilities of the OTC

- a. The OTC is solely responsible to obtain authorization from the end-user for the handling of the disconnect of the end-user's service with BA-PA, the provision of service by the OTC and for the provision of NP-I services. Should a dispute or discrepancy arise regarding the authority of the OTC to act on behalf of the end-user customer, the OTC is responsible for providing written evidence to BA-PA of its authority to do so. In the event that the OTC is unable to provide such authorization in a form satisfactory to the BA-PA, BA-PA may refuse to disconnect the end-user's service or establish NP-I service as requested by the OTC.
- b. It is the sole responsibility of the OTC to insure that both the end-user customer's assigned telephone number and the NP-I number are forwarded to the data base for 911 emergency services in addition to the address of the end-user customer. BA-PA assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the 911 data supplied by the OTC to BA-PA

11. Responsibilities of BA-PA

BA-PA's sole responsibility is to comply with the service requests it receives from the OTC and to provide NP-I in accordance with its tariff. In the event that BA-PA becomes aware that a dispute or discrepancy may have occurred, the OTC may be required to provide written evidence of its authority from the end-user before BA-PA terminates the end-user's service and establishes NP-I.

C. RATES

	<u>Service Order</u>	<u>Product/Service Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
NP-I Service				
Flat Rate				
per ported number	\$5.00 +	\$4.00	\$1.50	(C)

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