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INTERIM NUMBER PORTABILITY

1. General

- 1.1 Interim Number Portability (INP) is a one-way terminating service arrangement provided by SWBT to LSPs whereby an end-user customer, who switches subscription to local exchange service from SWBT to a LSP, is permitted to retain, for their use, the existing SWBT assigned telephone number provided that the end user remains at a location within the same SWBT serving central office.
- 1.2 In SWBT exchanges where an overlay NPA has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, INP will be provided by SWBT to LSPs where; 1) the end-user customer is a current SWBT customer and chooses to obtain additional service from an LSP or 2) chooses to obtain additional service from the LSP after moving within a wire center.

2. Rate Regulations

- 2.1 INP is only available to LSPs.
- 2.2 INP services and facilities will only be provided where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities. INP services and facilities are not offered for SWBT operated coin telephone service or Pay Telephone Exchange Access Service.
- 2.3 INP services are not available for local exchange end-user accounts of SWBT where SWBT has ceased to provide dial-tone at the time the LSP orders INP service unless full payment is made or an agreement is reached where SWBT would have restored dial-tone to the end user.
- 2.4 When the exchange service offerings associated with INP service is provisioned using remote switching arrangements, INP service is only available from, or to host central offices.
- 2.5 SWBT will only provide INP service to a LSP switch or interconnection point within SWBT exchanges.
- 2.6 The LSP's customer may retain a SWBT two-way Optional Extended Metropolitan Service (EMS) or a two-way Optional Extended Area Calling Service (EACS) telephone number. When the end users wishes to retain an optional EMS/EACS telephone number, the EMS/EACS additive as found in Paragraph 7.3 applies in addition to the charges specified Paragraphs 7.1 and/or 7.2 following.
- 2.7 An LSP may request SWBT establish INP service on a bulk mechanized basis rather than on a number by number basis subject to the limitations of the mechanized process. SWBT will develop a mechanized means for establishing the service on multiple end user accounts. The LSP will be required to provide all necessary information to SWBT in a mechanized data format acceptable to SWBT and will be assessed the Mechanized Service Order charges in Paragraph 7.4 following.
- 2.7.1 Mechanized service orders will be accepted for INP-Remote service only.
- 2.7.2 Mechanized service orders will be initially limited to processing single line end user account. Due to the complexity of converting multi-line accounts, manual intervention is required to insure orders are processed in the necessary sequence to make the conversion transparent to the end-user.

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3. Obligations of SWBT

3.1 SWBT's sole responsibility is to comply with the service requests it receives from the LSP and to provide INP service in accordance with its tariff. In the event that SWBT becomes aware that a dispute or discrepancy may have occurred, it may insist that the LSP provide written evidence of its authority to SWBT from the end user as outlined in Section 1, Sheet 4, Paragraph 3.2.3, of this tariff.

4. Obligations of LSPs

- 4.1 The LSP is responsible for assuring that its switch is capable of accepting INP ported traffic.
- 4.2 The LSP is solely responsible to provide equipment and facilities that are compatible with SWBT's service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities. The LSP is required to provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the terminating end of an INP call to adequately handle all traffic to that location and is solely responsible to ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment or service of SWBT or any of its end users. In the event that SWBT determines that the LSP will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service of SWBT or any of its end users, SWBT may terminate INP service in accordance with the AT&T Texas Guidebook, Part 2, Section 2, and Section 23.46(d) of the Commission's Substantive Rules.
- 4.3 The LSP is responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to INP service for which it is not presently providing local exchange service or terminating to an end user.
- 4.4 Where the LSP chooses to disconnect or terminate any INP service, it is responsible for designating the preferred type of announcement to be provided by SWBT at appropriate intercept rates.
- 4.5 When the LSP disconnects or terminates service to the end-user, the LSP will return the INP telephone number to SWBT and SWBT will provide the intercept service. Customized intercept announcements will be made available at appropriate tariff rates.
- 4.6 The LSP is required, as a condition of acquiring INP service from SWBT, to negotiate a reciprocal interim number portability service arrangement to allow a LSP customer to switch subscription to SWBT and retain the existing LSP's assigned telephone number.
- 4.7 Each LSP shall provide for the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) record retrieval of the directory number, a five-character Telephone Company Identification (TCI) of the company that provides service to the calling line, and any other standards consistent with National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standards. SWBT shall provide and enable all the above consistent with NENA standards. SWBT and the LSPs shall cooperate and coordinate with 911 entities to the fullest extent possible regarding implementation of the above and educating PSAP personnel on the changes to the ALI screen and ALI information. The LSPs and SWBT shall negotiate interconnection arrangements for implementation of all the above, and the implementation will not be delayed pending such negotiations.

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4. Obligations of LSPs (Cont'd.)

- 4.7 The LSP is responsible for designating to SWBT at the time of its initial service request for INP service one of the following options for handling and processing of Collect, Third party, and other operator handled non-sent paid calls from or to INP assigned telephone numbers. SWBT will block all such calls unless; (1) the LSP may accept billing and collection from SWBT for such calls; or (2) the LSP may negotiate a separate billing and collection agreement with SWBT reestablishing the call handling, processing and billing responsibilities of the parties.

5. Limitations of Service

- 5.1 SWBT is not responsible for adverse affects on any service, facility or equipment from the use of INP service.
- 5.2 End-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over INP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service. Therefore, end-to-end transmission characteristics can not be specified by the Company for such calls.
- 5.3 SWBT is not responsible to the LSP if necessary changes in protection criteria or in any of the facilities, operation, or procedures of the Company renders any facilities provided by a LSP obsolete or renders modification of the LSP's equipment necessary.

6. Service Descriptions

6.1 Interim Number Portability (INP) - Remote

- 6.1.1 INP-Remote is a local exchange telecommunications service whereby a call dialed to an INP-Remote equipped telephone number, assigned in a SWBT switch, is automatically forwarded to a local seven or ten digit telephone number assigned in a LSP switch. The forwarded-to-number is specified by the LSP.
- 6.1.2 INP-Remote provides three call paths for the forwarding of no more than three calls to the LSP's specified forwarded-to-number. Additional call paths for the forwarding of four or greater simultaneous calls are available on a per path basis at rates specified in 7.1 following.

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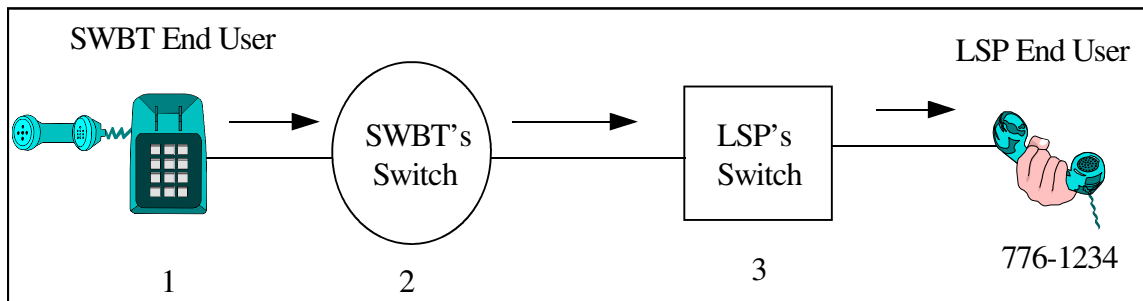
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6. Service Descriptions (Cont'd.)

6.1 INP-Remote (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Where technologically feasible, the Company will provide identification of the originating telephone number, via SS7 signaling, to the LSP.

6.1.4 Below is a diagram of Interim Number Portability - Remote:



In this example, the LSP end user is a former SWBT end user who has retained the 776-1234 telephone number when changing service providers. A caller dials the 776-1234 telephone number (1). The SWBT switch (2) recognizes the number as an INP-Remote telephone number and translates it to the LSP assigned telephone number e.g., 333-8976; the call is then forwarded over SWBT's network to the LSP using the 333-8976 telephone number. The LSP's switch then completes the call (3).

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6. Service Descriptions (Cont'd.)

6.2 Interim Number Portability (INP) - Direct

6.2.1 INP-Direct is a local exchange telecommunications service which provides for the delivery of the called (dialed) telephone number to the LSP's switching equipment (central office or premises) for identification and subsequent routing and call completion by the LSP.

6.2.2 INP-Direct is available either on a per voice grade basis or a per DS1 basis.

6.2.2.1 Where INP-Direct is provisioned on a per voice grade basis, the service is provided per voice grade trunk termination at rates and charges listed in Paragraph 7.2 following.

6.2.2.2 Where INP-Direct is provisioned on a per DS1 basis, the service is provided per DS1 trunk termination at rates and charges listed in Paragraph 7.2 following.

6.2.2.3 Where the location of the LSP's switching equipment to which SWBT is providing voice grade or DS1 INP-Direct service reside outside the exchange or central office serving area from which the INP-Direct service is purchased, applicable interoffice mileage charges as specified in Section 28 of the Intrastate Special Access Tariff may apply, in addition to the charges specified in 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.2 above.

6.2.3 When an LSP initially establishes INP-Direct service, either on a voice grade or DS1 basis, a Secondary Service Order Charge as well as a Service Establishment Charge, as listed in Paragraph 7.2 following, applies.

6.2.4 INP-Direct service must be established with a minimum configuration of 2 voice grade channels and one unassigned telephone number per SWBT switch, per arrangement for control purposes. Transport facilities arranged for INP-Direct may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group. Outgoing calls may not be placed over facilities arranged for INP-Direct service.

6.2.5 SS7 Signaling is not available on INP direct facilities.

6.2.6 INP-Direct Trunk Termination Charges apply per trunk group, per central office. The LSP must order a separate trunk termination for each end office where the LSP's customer's SWBT assigned telephone number resides.

6.2.7 The LSP must provide an appropriate facility to forward calls from the SWBT serving central office to the LSP's switch. This facility can be obtained in any one of the following ways:

- (1) The LSP may utilize the same facility negotiated in its interconnection agreement with SWBT; or
- (2) The LSP may provide this facility via a conditional colocation agreement; or
- (3) The LSP may subscribe to a Special Access facility from Section 28 of SWBT Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

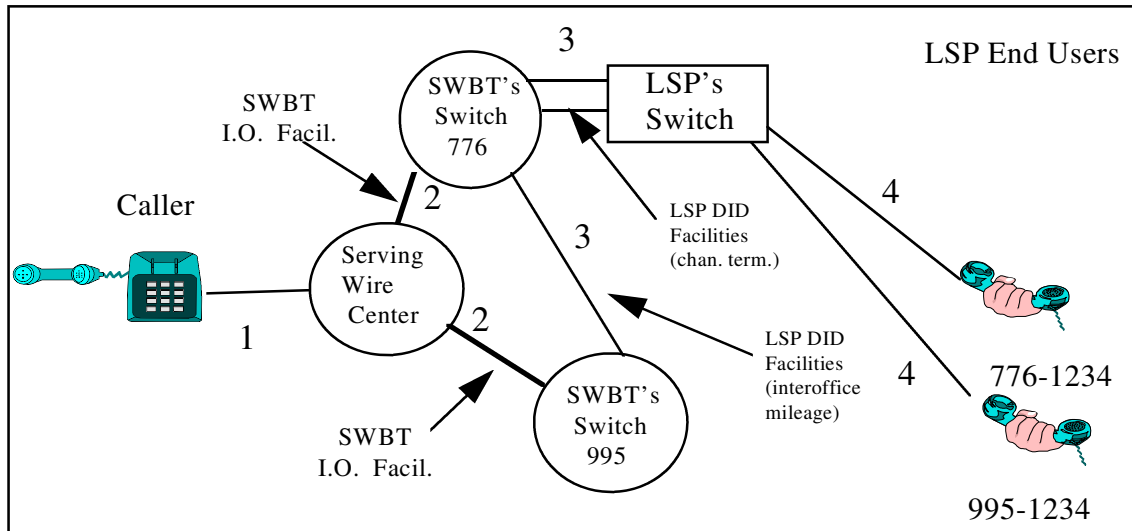
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6. Service Descriptions (Cont'd.)

6.2 Interim Number Portability (INP)-Direct (Cont'd.)

6.2.8 Below is a diagram of Interim Number Portability - Direct:



The caller dials 776-1234 or 995-1234 (1) and the caller's serving wire center recognizes the dialed NXX and forwards the call to the appropriate SWBT switch (776 or 995 depending on what the caller dialed) where the numbers reside (2). SWBT's switch then recognizes the number as a INP Direct number and forwards the call over the DID facility (3) to the LSP's switch. The LSP then associates the INP-Direct number with a number that the LSP has assigned to its end user and then completes the call to the LSP end user (4).

The LSP must subscribe to INP-Direct facilities in each SWBT end office where the LSP's customers INP telephone numbers reside. If the serving central office of the LSP's switch is different from the central office where the INP-Direct NXX resides, interoffice mileage will apply unless the LSP has an existing facility connecting the LSP's switch to the central office where the NXX resides.

The facility which connects the LSP's switch to the SWBT serving wire center is depicted above as the LSP DID Facility (chan. term.). This facility can be obtained in three ways: 1) the LSP's negotiated interconnection facility could be utilized; 2) the LSP has the option of providing this facility via a conditional collocation arrangement or; 3) the facility may be obtained from Section 28 of the Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

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7. Rates and Charges (7)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
7.1 Interim Number Portability - Remote		
per number ported (2)		
- Business	\$ 2.10	(1)
- Residential	\$ 1.75	(1)
per additional path	\$.10	(1)
7.2 Interim Number Portability - Direct		
Service Establishment Charge		
per group, per central office (3)		\$ 115.00
DID Trunk Termination		
per VG channel	\$ 24.25	
per DS1 facility	\$ 585.00	
Number Charges		
per number ported	\$ 0.01	
Subsequent number additions or deletions per occurrence (3)		\$ 1.70
7.3 Optional EMS/EACS Additive		
Optional EMS/EACS Number Charge, per telephone number ported	\$ 6.25	
7.4 Mechanized Service Orders (4)		
per request (5)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4100.00
per program run (6)	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
per number ported	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00

- (1) Secondary Service Order Charges, as found in the AT&T Texas Guidebook, Part 3, Section 1, apply except when service is established via the mechanized service order process described in 2.7, preceding.
- (2) Includes three (3) call paths per number ported as detailed in 6.1.2.
- (3) Secondary Service Order Charges, as found in the AT&T Texas Guidebook, Part 3, Section 1 apply.
- (4) These charges are applicable when SWBT is able to develop a mechanized program to establish INP-Remote on multiple end user accounts in bulk rather than on an account by account basis. These charges are applicable in lieu of the secondary service order charge.
- (5) This charge (per request) for Mechanized Service Orders is based on SWBT being able to develop a mechanized program for making the changes in bulk. If, due to the LSP's specifications, more than one program is required, the LSP will be assessed a "per request" charge for every program required.
- (6) The number of program runs required is dependent on the total number of lines to be changed as well as the location and wire center concentration of those lines.
- (7) All rates and charges, with the exception of the EMS/EACS Additive, are temporarily abated pending resolution of the petitions for reconsideration and any subsequent appeals filed before the FCC. All INP rates will be applicable concurrent with the effective date of the FCC order reinstating the charges for INP Service as appropriate.