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**SECTION 6 – ACCESS SERVICE****6.1 Number Portability Service**

Number Portability Service applies to an interconnection arrangement between the Company and the Connecting Company. This service enables the Connecting Company to provide basic local exchange service within the State of Michigan to a given customer(s) that wish to retain their telephone number(s), assigned by the Company. The Connecting Company may choose from two options:

1. Direct Inward Dial (DID)
2. Remote Call Forwarded (RCF)

a. Direct Inward Dial

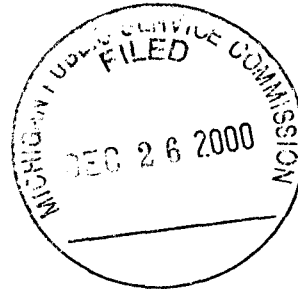
Direct Inward Dial (DID) option for number portability is a service which permits incoming dialed calls to a telephone number, assigned to the Company, to be forwarded to a Connecting Company end office over Direct Inward Dial (DID) facilities. The Company will deliver the called number to the Connecting Company via the Connecting Company-provided trunk for call completion.

b. Remote Call Forwarding

Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) option for number portability is a service which permits incoming dialed calls to a telephone number, assigned to the Company, to be forwarded to a Connecting Company end office, utilizing a call forwarding of the Company's end office switch.

**6.1.1 Rules and Regulations**

- a. Number Portability and facilities will only be provided, where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities and may only be furnished from properly equipped central offices. Number Portability services and facilities are not offered for the Company's Coin Telephone service.
- b. When the exchange service offering(s) associated with Number Portability services are provisioned using remote switch(es), Number Portability service is available from host central offices.



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- c. General regulations as depicted in the Company's' General Regulations Tariff, such as payments, deposits, adjustments, etc., apply to Number Portability services as appropriate.

**6.1.2 Responsibility of the Connecting Company**

- a. The Connecting Company shall exchange technical descriptions and forecasts of their traffic requirements in sufficient detail necessary to engineer, install, maintain, and administer the facilities subject to this arrangement.
- b. The Connecting Company is solely responsible to obtain authorization from the end-user for the handling of the disconnection of the end-user's service with the Company, the provision of service by the Connecting Company and the provision of Number Portability services. Should a dispute or discrepancy arise regarding the authority of the Connecting Company to act on behalf of the end-user, the Connecting Company is responsible for providing written evidence of its authority.
- c. The Connecting Company is responsible for coordinating the provisioning of the service with the Company to assure that its switch is capable of accepting Number Portability ported traffic.
- d. The Connecting Company is solely responsible to provide equipment and facilities that are compatible with the Company's service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities. The Connecting Company is required to provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the terminating end of a Number Portability 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 the Company or any of its end-users.

- e. The Connecting Company is responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone number subscribed to Number Portability services for which it is not presently providing local exchange service.

- f. Where the Connecting Company chooses to disconnect or terminate any Number Portability service, it is responsible for designating the preferred type of announcement to be provided by the Company at appropriate unregulated intercept rates, if applicable.

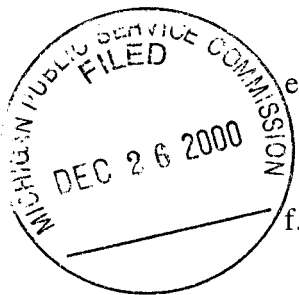
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**6.1 Number Portability Service, Cont'd.**

**6.1.2 Responsibility of the Connecting Company, Cont'd.**

g. The Connecting Company is responsible for designating to the Company at the time of its initial service request for Number Portability services one of the following options with respect to Credit Card, Collect, third party, and other operator handled calls from or to Number Portability assigned telephone numbers:

- (1) the Connecting Company may request that the Company block all such calls;
- (2) the Connecting Company may accept billing from the Company for such calls;
- (3) the Connecting Company may negotiate a separate agreement with the Company establishing the call handling, processing, billing and collection responsibilities of the parties.

**6.1.3 Responsibility of the Company**

The Company will make available notes and other information necessary describing the interoffice transmission and signaling procedures standard to the Company's network.

**6.1.4 Rates and Charges**

Each number ported to the Connecting Company will be charged as follows:

DID option	\$5.00	per number ported per month
RCF option	\$5.00	per number ported per month

No other charges will apply, except for collect, third party, or other operator-assisted calls to the remote telephone number, the Connecting Company is responsible for the payment of charges if the party at the number to which calls are forwarded accepts such calls.



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