Date: 30th March, 2010

To
Access Service Providers
ILD Service Providers
MNP Service Providers

Sub: Time Frame for completing various activities for MNP Implementation

This is in reference to time frame fixed to complete various activities by various stake holders to implement Mobile Number Portability (MNP) in a time bound manner vide this office letter of even no. dated 11th January 2010.
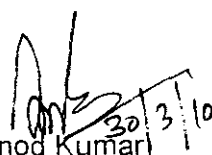
2.   After assessing the readiness of various Access & ILD Service Providers, it has been decided that the comprehensive mobile terminated Call Scenario Test of voice, SMS and MMS from each operator's network (Basic, Mobile-GSM & CDMA and ILDOs) in one LSA to all mobile networks in the same LSA and all mobile networks in all other LSAs in the country should be started immediately.

3.   For above purpose sufficient test numbers should be opened by each mobile operator in each LSA and should be intimated to MNP Operators and TERM Cells also. All the mobile operators must ensure smooth testing by other operators to ensure success of mobile terminated calls to their network in MNP Scenario.

4.   The TERM Cells will closely oversee the progress of Call Flow Test by the operators and in case of non-cooperation from any of the mobile operators, the matter should be brought to notice of DOT HQ by TERM Cells for appropriate action for not supporting the timely launch of MNP Services mandated under the Licence Agreement. The TERM Cells shall send weekly progress report to DOT HQ in this regard. TEC is already conducting a weekly meeting to resolve technical issues, if any.

5.   The other activities related to Inter Operator Test may be carried out in parallel such that the Inter Operator Test (IOT) by all Service Providers are completed by 15th May 2010. BSNL, MTNL and Uninor who are yet to install the MNP Gateways must also start the call flow tests immediately without waiting for MNP Gateways and all other tests should be carried out later expeditiously when MNP Gateways are installed to meet the 15th May 2010 deadline.

6.   After the IVT and IOT are completed, the A/T should be offered to TERM Cells by 16.05.2010. The A/T should be completed within one month and based on successful completion of A/T, DOT will decide the date for launch of MNP Services in the country, expected by 30th June 2010.

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