20. <u>Pending Legal Challenges</u>: Court challenges are currently pending to examine various aspects of the FCC's orders imposing wireline-to-wireless LNP on small carriers.⁹

21. Adverse Economic Impact on Petitioner's Subscribers: The Missouri Public Service Commission may suspend or modify local number portability requirements to the extent necessary to avoid the imposition of a significant adverse economic impact on Petitioner's subscribers. Under Section 52.33 of the FCC's rules, an ILEC may assess a monthly, long-term number portability charge on its customers to offset the initial and ongoing costs incurred in providing number portability.¹⁰

- 22. <u>Undue Economic Burden on Petitioner</u>. The Commission may also suspend or modify local number portability requirements to the extent necessary to avoid an undue economic burden on Petitioner.
- 23. If the Commission does not grant suspension, then Petitioner will incur costs associated with hardware and/or software replacement/upgrades, programming, training, and translations work. Petitioner will also face ongoing database query costs associated with porting numbers.

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⁹ See e.g. United States Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, US Telecom. Ass'n et al. v. FCC, Case No. 03-1414, and Nat'l Telecom. Coop. Ass'n et al. v. FCC, Case No. 03-1443.