

**SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY  
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION  
TRANSMITTAL NO. 831  
October 7, 2004**

**PURPOSE**

Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) hereby proposes changes to Section 2 of SNET Tariff F.C.C. No. 39. With this filing, SNET proposes to:

- Grandfather the existing Portability Option for DS1's only
- Introduce DS1 OPP Portability Commitment

**DESCRIPTION**

The existing Portability option will no longer be available to new DS1 customers on or after, October 22, 2004. There will be no change to existing customers.

SNET proposes to introduce a 3-year and 5-year non-renewable Portability Commitment, which provides a customer the ability to establish a regional volume commitment in the form of DS1 Channel Terminations. The customer will receive a waiver of DS1 OPP Termination Liability during the life of the Portability Commitment as long as the customer maintains a minimum of 40 Channel Terminations in-service each month and at least 80% of their Portability Commitment Level (CL) under a 3 or 5 year DS1 OPP each month. Customers may purchase DS1 service under DS1 OPP terms of 3 or 5 years and have the associated Channel Terminations count towards the CL. All installation charges will be billed as applicable.

The initial monthly CL is calculated by SBC and is the total of all DS1 Channel Terminations in-service for the month previous to the month in which the Customer provides written notification. The initial monthly CL will consist of all Channel Terminations including those on month-to-month terms and other term pricing plans. If the customer fails to meet the monthly CL then the customer will be billed the difference between 80% of the CL and the actual number of in-service Channel Terminations. The effective date of the Portability Commitment will be the first day of the month immediately following the month in which the Customer provides written notification.

### **PRICE CAP COMPLIANCE**

SNET proposes to grandfather the existing Portability Option for DS1's and introduce a new DS1 Portability Option for new customers. This proposed change meets the definition of a restructure as outlined in Part 61.3 (II) of the Commission's Rules.

Recasting of demand is not necessary as all current customers will be grandfathered.

The proposed Portability Option will only be available for new customers.

This filing proposes no revenue changes. The Actual Price Index (API) remains below the Price Cap Index (PCI) and all Service Band Indexes (SBIs) are below the associated SBI Upper Limits as indicated on the IND-1 on the attached TRP (Tariff Review Plan).