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**FCC ANNOUNCES GSA APPROVES RENEWAL OF
NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL CHARTER
THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2003**

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The General Services Administration (GSA) has renewed the charter of the North American Numbering Council (Council) through October 4, 2003. The Council will continue to advise the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on rapidly evolving and competitively significant numbering issues facing the telecommunications industry.

In October 1995, the Commission established the North American Numbering Council, a federal advisory committee created pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988), to advise the Commission on issues related to North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration in the United States, including local number portability administration issues. The original charter of the Council was effective on October 5, 1995, establishing an initial two-year term. The first amended charter was effective on October 5, 1997, renewing the term of the Council for an additional two years. The second amended charter was effective on October 5, 1999, renewing the term of the Council for an additional two years.

Since the last charter renewal, the Council has provided the Commission with critically important recommendations regarding numbering issues. During the term of the second amended charter, the Council made recommendations on issues which included: (1) thousands-block number pooling procedures and an administrator; (2) cost for the COCUS replacement tool used to collect number utilization and forecast data; (3) Industry Numbering Committee (INC) NANP Expansion Assumptions; (4) NANPA electronic file transfer capability for receiving utilization and forecast data; (5) secondary definitions for numbering categories; (6) number administration auditor technical requirements; (7) thousands-block number pooling administrator technical requirements; (8) fees for reserved numbers; and (9) wireless number portability technical, operational and implementation requirements.

The Council is currently considering and formulating recommendations on other important numbering-related issues that will require work beyond the term of the present charter. The term of the Council's third amended charter begins October 5, 2001 and runs through October 4, 2003. The third amended charter and current membership list are attached hereto.

The value of this federal advisory committee to the telecommunications industry and to the American public cannot be overstated. Numbers are the means by which consumers gain access to, and reap the benefits of, the public switched telephone network. The Council's recommendations to the Commission will facilitate fair and efficient numbering administration in the United States, and will ensure that numbering resources are available to all telecommunications service providers on a fair and equitable basis, consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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