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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL
PROPOSAL FOR STANDARDIZED MINIMUM THRESHOLDS AND
INTERVALS FOR NON-SIMPLE PORTS AND “PROJECTS”**

**WC Docket No. 07-244
CC Docket No. 95-116**

**Comments Due: 30 days after Federal Register Publication
Reply Comments Due: 60 days after Federal Register Publication**

On June 20, 2011, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) submitted a report on local number portability (LNP) Best Practice 67.¹ The Report notes that since the inception of LNP, service providers have imposed varying thresholds, or limits, on the quantity of telephone numbers they will port within four business days – the porting interval for non-simple ports.² To address these variations, Best Practice 67 recommends a set of standard thresholds and intervals for non-simple ports and “projects” – port requests that involve a large quantity of telephone numbers. The NANC notes that at present, port requests above the service provider’s maximum threshold can result in an undetermined due date that is ultimately negotiated between the old and new service providers.³ There is currently no industry-wide standard on what is considered a “project” by the old service provider for the purpose of porting numbers.⁴ Best Practice 67 addresses this issue. The NANC also recommends revisions to the NANC LNP Provisioning Flows in support of Best Practice 67.

¹ See Letter from Betty Ann Kane, Chairman, North American Numbering Council, to Sharon E. Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Attach. (filed June 20, 2011) (NANC June 20, 2011 *Ex Parte* Letter).

² *Id.* Under the Commission’s rules, service providers must complete simple wireline-to-wireline and simple intermodal ports in no more than one business day. A simple port is defined as one that: (1) does not involve unbundled network elements; (2) involves an account only for a single line; (3) does not include complex switch translations (*e.g.*, Centrex, ISDN, AIN services, remote call forwarding, or multiple services on the loop); and (4) does not include a reseller. See, *e.g.*, *Telephone Number Portability: CTIA Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on Wireline-Wireless Porting Issues*, CC Docket No. 96-116, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 23697, 23715, para. 45 n.112 (2003) (citing North American Numbering Council Local Number Portability Administration Working Group Third Report on Wireless Wireline Integration, Sept. 30, 2000, CC Docket No. 95-116 (filed Nov. 29, 2000)).

³ See NANC June 20, 2011 *Ex Parte* Letter, Attach. at 1

⁴ *Id.*

We seek comment on Best Practice 67 and the proposed provisioning flows. Specifically, we seek comment on whether the thresholds and processing timelines for non-simple ports and projects are appropriate and whether the Commission should adopt Best Practice 67 as a rule.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before (30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*) and reply comments on or before (60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*). All filings concerning this Public Notice should refer to WC Docket No. 07-244 and CC Docket 95-116. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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