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WIRESLINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOUSANDS-BLOCK NUMBER POOLING ADMINISTRATOR

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CC Docket No. 99-200

Comment Date: May 17, 2012

Reply Comment Date: May 24, 2012

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the technical requirements to be used in preparing the solicitation for the thousands-block Pooling Administrator contract. Thousands-block number pooling is an alternative method for allocating telephone numbers. Instead of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administrator allocating all 10,000 numbers within an NXX code¹ to a single service provider, the Pooling Administrator allocates blocks of one thousand sequential numbers within an NXX code as a number conservation measure.

On August 15, 2007, the Commission awarded Neustar, Inc. the federal contract to serve as the Pooling Administrator. That contract expires August 14, 2012, and the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) must select a Pooling Administrator for another five-year contract term. The entity selected will manage the NANP resources according to the terms and conditions of a contract based on the Federal Acquisition Regulation.²

The North American Numbering Council examined and proposed minor changes to the current technical requirements document for the Pooling Administrator. The Bureau incorporated those proposals into the attached document. The Bureau anticipates that the technical requirements document will form the basis for a Statement of Work in the solicitation for the Pooling Administrator. The Bureau seeks comment on the proposed technical requirements.

Interested parties may access the technical requirements document *via* the Internet by searching through the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/SilverStream/Pages/edocs.html. When using EDOCS, insert the DA number from the top of this item in the appropriate field and hit the query button. Comments must specifically address whether the technical requirements are sufficiently detailed, comprehensive, and

¹An NXX, or central office, code refers to the second three digits (also called digits D-E-F) of a ten-digit telephone number in the form NPA-NXX-XXXX, where N represents any one of the numbers 2 through 9 and X represents one of the numbers 0 through 9. 47 C.F.R. § 52.7(c).

² The FAR governs the acquisition by contract of supplies and services for the use of the Federal Government.

clear, and whether they adequately describe the duties and scope of the Pooling Administrator's responsibilities.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. 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).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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