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## FCC RECEIVES PROPOSALS FROM INTERCONNECTED VOIP PROVIDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN NUMBERING TRIAL FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

WC Docket Nos. 13-97, 04-36, 07-243, and 10-90  
CC Docket Nos. 95-116, 01-92 and 99-200

On April 18, 2013, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order and Notice of Inquiry which, *inter alia*, addressed pending waiver requests to allow interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to obtain telephone numbers directly from the number administrators.<sup>1</sup> The *Direct Access Order* establishes a six-month technical trial of direct access to telephone numbers by granting a conditional waiver to Vonage Holdings Corp. (Vonage) and other interconnected VoIP providers that have pending petitions for waiver of section 52.15(g)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that meet the terms and conditions outlined in the *Order*.<sup>2</sup> Participation in the trial requires submission of a detailed numbering proposal within 30 days of the release of the *Direct Access Order* and monthly reporting beginning 60 days after requesting direct access to numbers from a numbering administrator.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission received four proposals within the 30-day deadline. On May 17, 2013, Vonage and SmartEdgeNet, LLC submitted proposals to participate in the trial.<sup>4</sup> On May 20, 2013, the Commission received proposals from WilTel Communications, LLC and Intelepeer, Inc. to participate in the trial.<sup>5</sup> In addition, on May 22, 2013, the Commission received a proposal from Millicorp to participate in the trial.<sup>6</sup> Each proposal will be approved 30 days after its respective filing date, unless the Bureau finds that the proposal does not comply with the requirements of the *Order*.<sup>7</sup> An entity that has submitted a proposal may not request or obtain direct access to numbers until its proposal is approved.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al.*, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 13-51 (rel. Apr. 18, 2013) (*Direct Access Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 87.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at paras. 101, 103.

<sup>4</sup> Letter from Brita D. Strandberg, Counsel to Vonage Holdings Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al. (filed May 17, 2013); Letter from Randall B. Lowe, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al. (filed May 17, 2013) (submitting Numbering Plan Proposal of SmartEdgeNet, LLC).

<sup>5</sup> WilTel Trial Proposal, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al. (filed May 20, 2013); Letter from Kristin Manwarren, Corporate Counsel, IntelePeer, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al. (filed May 20, 2013).

<sup>6</sup> See Letter from Duane Dyar, Vice President/Operations, Millicorp, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al. (filed May 22, 2013). In its filing, Millicorp requests leave to file its proposal out of time and for the Commission to accept its filing as if it had been timely.

<sup>7</sup> *Direct Access Order*, FCC 13-51, at para. 101.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

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