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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT CYCLE FOR NPRM AND NOI ON 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

Comment Date: July 19, 2013
Reply Comment Date: August 19, 2013

On April 18, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on its proposal to allow interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to obtain telephone numbers directly from the North American Plan Administrator (NANPA) and the Pooling Administrator (PA), subject to certain requirements.¹ The NPRM was accompanied by a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) seeking comment on a range of issues regarding the Commission's long-term approach to numbering resources, specifically the evolving relationship between numbers and geography and the Commission's related policies.

Comments and reply comments are due 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the summary of the Direct Access NPRM and NOI in the Federal Register.² Publication of this summary in the Federal Register occurred on June 19, 2013.³ Accordingly, **comments are due on July 19, 2013**, and **reply comments are due on August 19, 2013**.

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 the date indicated on the first page of this document. 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/>.

¹ *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications; IP-Enabled Services; Telephone Number Requirements for IP-Enabled Services Providers; Telephone Number Portability; Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime; Connect America Fund; Numbering Resource Optimization; Petition of Vonage Holdings Corp. for Limited Waiver of Section 52.15(g)(2)(i) of the Commission's Rules Regarding Access to Numbering Resources; Petition of Telecommunication Systems, Inc. and HBF Group, Inc. for Waiver of Part 52 of the Commission's Rules*, WC Docket Nos. 13-97, 04-36, 07-243, 10-90, CC Docket Nos. 95-116, 01-92, 99-200, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order and Notice of Inquiry, 28 FCC Rcd 5842, 5844, para. 1 (2013) (*Direct Access NPRM and NOI*).

² *Id.* at 5842.

³ 78 FR 36725 (June 19, 2013).

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, 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.
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⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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