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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES GSA'S
APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE NORTH AMERICAN
NUMBERING COUNCIL CHARTER THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

(CC Docket No. 92-237)

The General Services Administration (GSA) has renewed the charter of the North American Numbering Council (NANC or Council) through September 20, 2015. The Council will continue to advise the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on rapidly evolving and significant number administration issues facing the telecommunications industry.

In October 1995, the Commission established the NANC, 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. The NANP is the telephone numbering plan for the United States and its territories, Canada, Bermuda, and 17 Caribbean nations. The Commission filed the original charter of the Council on October 5, 1995, and established an initial two-year term. The Wireline Competition Bureau has renewed this charter every two years since that date.

Since the last charter renewal, the Council has made recommendations to the Commission on important number administration matters, such as technical requirements related to a new Local Number Portability Administrator contract. The NANC also submitted recommendations on ways to improve local number porting, such as standardizing customer information and revising carrier procedures. In addition, the Council provided detailed annual evaluations of the current North American Numbering Plan Administrator, the Pooling Administrator, and the Billing and Collection Agent. It will continue to evaluate the performances of these entities annually. The Council is presently considering recommendations on other important number administration-related issues that will require work beyond the term of the present charter.

The value of this federal advisory committee to the telecommunications industry and to the American public cannot be overstated. Telephone 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 ensure that telephone numbers 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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CHARTER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

1. The Committee's Official Designation

The official designation of this advisory committee will be the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).

2. Authority

The NANC is hereby renewed at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as amended, 5 U.S.C. App 2.

3. The Committee's Objectives and Scope of its Activity

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Commission and to make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues, initially resolve disputes as directed by the Commission, and provide guidance to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Pooling Administrator (PA), the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), and the Billing and Collection (B&C) agent, as directed by the Commission.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that the NANP facilitates entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor one technology over another; (4) that the NANP gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (5) that the NANP ensures that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

4. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible

The general duties of the Council are to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the Commission related to the attainment of the objectives stated under section (3), above. Under the direction of the Commission, the Council will provide oversight of matters relating to numbering administration, including the development of industry guidelines. Specific duties will include developing and recommending technical requirements for the selection of neutral third-party numbering administrators (*e.g.*, NANPA, PA). To aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities, the Council will also prepare periodic and final reports for the Commission. The Council serves the Commission in an advisory capacity only.

5. Official to Whom the Committee Reports
The Council will report to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission through the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.
6. Support
The Commission will provide the necessary staff support for the Council and the facilities needed to conduct meetings. If the Commission does not have meeting facilities available, private sector members will provide facilities. Private sector members of the Council will serve without any government compensation and will not be entitled to travel expenses or *per diem* subsistence allowances.
7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years
The estimated Commission staff dedicated to the Council is the equivalent of 1.5 full time employees. The estimated annual cost to the Commission of operating the Committee is \$170,000. The Commission will not pay for private sector staff.
8. Designated Federal Officer
A full-time or permanent part-time employee, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call all of the advisory committee's meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all advisory committee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Chairman of the Commission or the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.
9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings
There will be approximately four Council meetings per year.
10. Duration
The Commission will review the accomplishments and activities of the Council to determine whether, after two years, this charter should again be renewed and the Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.
11. Termination
This charter will terminate two years from the Filing Date of this charter, prior to which the Commission may seek its renewal.

12. Membership and Designation

Members of the Council are appointed by the Chairman of the Commission in consultation with appropriate Commission staff. Members are selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the issues to be considered by the Council. Members represent various sectors of the telecommunications industry, as well as North American Numbering Plan member countries, state regulators, and consumers. Industry representatives are selected from local exchange carriers, wireless carriers, equipment manufacturers, cable service providers, and industry trade associations.

Members are appointed as representatives of the telecommunications industry, or as representatives of consumers of telecommunications. Council members will not serve as “Special Government Employees.”

13. Subcommittees

The Commission may create subcommittees of the NANC. The Chairperson of the NANC may appoint subcommittees, with the approval of the Chairman of the Commission or the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Subcommittees must report any recommendations to the Council as a whole, and only the Council as a whole may modify or ratify such recommendations before they are included in the official record of the Council’s proceedings and reported to the Chairman of the Commission or the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

14. Recordkeeping

The Council shall keep records of its proceedings, as required by applicable laws and regulations. The Council shall also handle all its records and any records of formally and informally established subcommittees or other subgroups of the Council, in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records are available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. Filing Date

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