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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES UPCOMING LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EVENTS**

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**CC Docket No. 95-116**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) announces upcoming Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA) Transition outreach and education events to be held by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP, the Transition Oversight Manager (TOM). All stakeholders with an interest in the transition are encouraged to participate.

First, the TOM will offer an opportunity for stakeholders to connect at an in-person event on **April 11 or 12, 2016 between, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)**.  This in-person event will give stakeholders the opportunity to share perspectives and ask questions about the LNPA Transition in an informal manner. The event will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites National Harbor, MD, at the address below:

Hampton Inn & Suites National Harbor
Coleman Meeting Room
(301) 567-3531
250 Waterfront St
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

The in-person meeting with the TOM does not require registration or a specific appointment. Interested persons may contact the TOM with any questions or your preference for a particular time to meet with the TOM by visiting: <https://www.napmllc.org/pages/npacrfp/npacRFP_Comments.aspx>.

Second, WCB announces the date and time of the fourth LNPA Transition Outreach and Education Plan (TOEP) webcast, also hosted by the TOM. The webcast is scheduled for **April 20, 2016, from 3:00-4:00 pm EST.**

Previous TOEP webcasts were held on December 9, 2015, January 27, 2016, and March 9, 2016.[[1]](#footnote-2) These webcasts are designed to keep interested parties informed about the upcoming LNPA transition. Interested parties may register for the webcast by visiting: <https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1098203>.

The objectives for the webcasts are three-fold:

* To provide transparent communications regarding the LNPA Transition;
* To serve as an open forum to gather and understand needs and concerns; and,
* To incorporate feedback to improve future communications.

One week prior to the webcast, the agenda will be published on the LNPA Transition tab of the napmllc.org website. LNPA Transition-related links and documents, including content from the previous TOEP webcasts, may also be accessed through the Reference Document tab on napmllc.org.

***Ex parte* Presentations.** This proceeding shall continue to be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules and other relevant WCB guidance. In a Public Notice released on August 18, 2015, the Bureau modified the applicability of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules to this proceeding in certain respects.[[2]](#footnote-3) As further explained in that Public Notice, the Bureau determined that “the critical public safety and national security issues and the importance of a seamless and timely transition” justified modifications to the *ex parte* rule treatment of communications and meetings related to certain issues being addressed in this proceeding, including “the transition of the LNPA and related stakeholder outreach, education, and database testing” issues.[[3]](#footnote-4) Consequently, parties should consult the *LNPA Ex parte Status PN* to determine if planned *ex parte* presentations are subject to the modified procedures discussed therein, or the Commission’s standard *ex parte* rules. Parties should be aware that, to the extent that they make presentations to (i) Commission decision makers, (ii) the NAPM LLC, or (iii) the Transition Oversight Manager, beyond the subjects specified in the *LNPA Ex parte Status PN*, the Commission’s filing requirements for “permit-but-disclose” proceedings under section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules apply.

Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or 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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1. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Approves Transition Oversight Plan for Next LNPA; Announces First Transition Outreach Webcast*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 13619 (WCB 2015); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Second Local Number Portability Administrator Transition Outreach and Education Plan Webcast*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 244 (WCB 2016); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Third Local Number Portability Administrator Transition Outreach and Education Plan Webcast*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 1195 (WCB 2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *Notice Concerning Ex Parte Status of Communications with Respect to the Local Number Portability Administrator Selection Proceeding*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 8425 (WCB 2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Id.* at 8426. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)