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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES effective date of**

**TOLL FREE assignment modernization rule revisions**

**WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155**

On September 27, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission released a Report and Order (*TFAM Order*) that revised certain toll free numbering rules to promote the efficient allocation of toll free numbers.[[1]](#footnote-3) To ensure that numbers are assigned to the parties that value them most, the Commission’s rules now allow for numbers to be assigned in a manner suited to their specific characteristics, including by auction,[[2]](#footnote-4) and for those numbers assigned via auction to be transferred in the secondary market.[[3]](#footnote-5)

The Federal Register published a summary of the *TFAM Order*, including rule revisions, on October 23, 2018.[[4]](#footnote-6) As ordered in the *TFAM Order*, the toll free numbering rule revisions take effect 30 days after publication of the revisions in the Federal Register.[[5]](#footnote-7) Therefore, the rule revisions are effective as of **November 23, 2018**.

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1. *See* *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155, Report and Order, FCC 18-137 (rel. Sept. 27, 2018). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *Id.* at 6, paras. 12-13; *see also* 47 CFR § 52.111. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *Id.* at 28-31, paras. 79-85; *see also* 47 CFR §§ 52.105(f); 52.107(c). The *TFAM Order* made further ministerial revisions to the Commission’s toll free numbering rules. *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, FCC 18-137 at 31-33, paras. 86-93; *see* *also* 47 CFR §§ 52.101(a), (e); 52.103(a)(10), (b)(1), (d), (f); 52.109(c). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. Federal Communications Commission, Toll Free Assignment Modernization, 83 Fed. Reg. 53377 (Oct. 23, 2018). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, FCC 18-137 at 35, para. 100. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)