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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AND CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEK COMMENT ON NANC RECOMMENDATIONS ON COST FUNDING AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR REASSIGNED NUMBERS DATABASE

CG Docket No. 17-59

Comments Due: March 11, 2020

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau and Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau (Bureaus) seek comment on recommendations recently approved by the North American Numbering Council (NANC) on funding of the creation costs and on the fee structure for the Reassigned Numbers Database (Database).¹

On December 13, 2018, the Commission released a Second Report and Order on *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls*.² In the *Order*, the Commission addressed the problem of unwanted calls to consumers with numbers reassigned from a previous consumer. Specifically the Commission established a single, comprehensive database that will contain reassigned number information from each provider that obtains North American Numbering Plan U.S. geographic numbers and toll free numbers.³ The Database will enable a caller to determine whether a telephone number has been reassigned and thus avoid calling consumers with reassigned numbers who may not wish to receive their call.⁴

To establish the Database, the Commission directed the NANC, the Commission's federal advisory committee on numbering issues, to develop and submit recommendations to the Commission on issues and considerations related to: (1) the Database administrator collecting fees from database users, including how to structure such fees and the amount of such fees; and (2) the billing and collection from telecommunications service providers of Database creation costs, and the subsequent return of such amounts to service providers, to be administered by the Billing and Collection Agent,⁵ and interaction and coordination necessary and advisable between the Database administrator and the Billing and Collection

¹ The NANC's *Recommendations on Funding of the Creation Costs and Fee Structure for Users of the Reassigned Numbers Database* is attached and is also available at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-362499A1.pdf>.

² *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls*, Second Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 12024, 12025 (2018) (*Reassigned Numbers Database Order*).

³ *Id.* at 12025, para. 3.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Pursuant to its contract with the Commission and section 52.16(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 52.16(a), the Billing and Collection Agent, currently Welch LLP, is responsible for calculating, assessing, billing, and collecting payments for numbering administration functions from telecommunications service providers, and for distributing funds to the entities that support these functions.

Agent in performing these roles.⁶ The NANC approved its recommendations at its February 13, 2020 meeting and submitted it to the Bureaus that day.

The Bureaus now seek comment on the NANC's recommendations. The Commission has stated that it expects the NANC's guidance and any relevant comments to be incorporated into contracting decisions related to the Database.⁷

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated. Filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Comments may be filed by paper or by using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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⁶ *Reassigned Numbers Database Order*, 33 FCC Rcd at 12045-46, paras. 59, 60-62.

⁷ *Id.* at 12046, para. 62. The NANC's recommendations do not reflect a position of the Commission as to the final requirements or contract terms and conditions for the anticipated solicitation.

⁸ 47 CFR. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

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