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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NUMBERING REQUEST

CC Docket No. 99-200

Comments Due: September 17, 2021

Reply Comments Due: October 4, 2021

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a petition filed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) on July 15, 2021 asking the Commission to direct the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to report on the technical, operational, and cost requirements to implement individual telephone number pooling for the 207 area code on a trial basis.¹ The MPUC further asks the Commission to grant, if found practical by the Administrator, its petition filed June 26, 2019,² joining a request by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission,³ to implement a trial for individual telephone number pooling.⁴ The New Hampshire petition requests authority to implement number optimization measures in the 603 area code, while the Maine petition requests authority to implement such measures in the 207 area code. The Bureau also seeks comment on these petitions.⁵

Interested parties may file comments or oppositions to both petitions on or before **September 17, 2021** and reply comments on or before **October 4, 2021**. All filings must reference **CC Docket No. 99-200** and be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Electronic Filers: Comments and oppositions may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): www.fcc.gov/ecfs.⁶

¹ Petition of the Maine Public Utilities Commission to Direct the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to Report on the Technical, Operational, and Cost Requirements to Implement Number Optimization Measures in the 207 Area code, CC Docket No. 99-200 (filed July 15, 2021), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/107151133303627/2021-07-15%20MPUC%20Filing%20FCC%2099-200.pdf> (Petition).

² Petition by the Maine Public Utilities Commission for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Optimization Measures in the 207 Area Code, CC Docket No. 99-200 (filed June 26, 2019), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10626976401465/2019-06-26%20MPUC%20Letter%20to%20FCC%2099-200.pdf>.

³ Petition by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Optimization Measures in the 603 Area Code, CC Docket No. 99-200 (April 26, 2019) (New Hampshire Petition), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10426251258868/20190426-NHPUC-ITN-Petition-to-FCC.pdf>.

⁴ Petition at 1.

⁵ The Bureau previously sought comment on the New Hampshire Petition. See Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 3837 (WCB 2019). The Bureau now seeks to refresh the record on the New Hampshire petition in addition to seeking initial comment on the two Maine petitions.

⁶ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street N.E., Washington, DC 20544.
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⁷ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*