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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMPLIANCE DATE FOR REMAINING REASSIGNED NUMBERS DATABASE RULE REGARDING REPORTING OF DISCONNECT DATA

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On December 13, 2018, the Commission released the *Reassigned Numbers Database Order*, establishing a database that will allow callers to determine whether a telephone number has been permanently disconnected after a date certain and therefore is no longer assigned to the party the caller intends to reach.¹ On June 26, 2020, the Commission published in the Federal Register an announcement of Office of Management and Budget approval and compliance dates for the rules pertaining to recordkeeping and aging requirements.²

We now announce that the compliance date for the remaining rule requiring service providers to report the information to the Reassigned Numbers Database Administrator was published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2021.³ Beginning April 15, 2021 and recurring on the 15th day of each month thereafter, service providers must report permanent disconnections of their subscribers.⁴ The report must contain data for numbers permanently disconnected that were not submitted in the service provider's prior reports.⁵ Notwithstanding the foregoing, small service providers (those providers with 100,000 or fewer

¹ Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket No. 17-59, Second Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 12024, 12029, para. 11 (2018) (Reassigned Numbers Database Order).

² Federal Communications Commission, Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, 85 FR 38334 (June 26, 2020) (announcing July 27, 2020 as the compliance date for the following rules: 47 CFR §§ 52.15(f)(1)(ii) and (f)(8), 52.103(d), and 64.1200(l)(1)). The *Reassigned Numbers Database Order* calls for the new rules adopted there to become effective 30 days after the Commission publishes a notice in the Federal Register announcing approval of the new and modified information collection requirements by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. *Reassigned Numbers Database Order*, 33 FCC Rcd at 12051, para. 80.

³ The rule for which compliance is now required is 47 CFR § 64.1200(1)(2).

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, 86 FR 8558 (Feb. 8, 2021); see also 47 CFR § 64.1200(l)(2); Reassigned Numbers Database Order, 33 FCC Rcd at 12038, para. 39. The Commission published the technical specifications describing the format for the report on Jan. 15, 2021. Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Announces Technical Specifications for Reassigned Numbers Database Reporting, CG Docket No. 17-59, Public Notice, DA 21-67 (CGB 2021) (Technical Specifications Public Notice).

⁵ Service providers will initially populate the Database with "seed" data covering the period from July 27, 2020 through April 15, 2021. *See Technical Specifications Public Notice*, DA 21-67, at Attachment A. Small service providers will initially populate the Database with "seed" data covering the period from January 27, 2021 through October 15, 2021. *Id.*

domestic retail subscriber lines) have six additional months (until October 15, 2021) to begin reporting this information to the Reassigned Numbers Database Administrator.⁶

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⁶ Reassigned Numbers Database Order, 33 FCC Rcd at 12039, paras. 43-44.