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INTERCONNECTED VOIP NUMBERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION FILED BY CAROLINA DIGITAL PHONE, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 52.15(g)(3) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 20-315¹

Comments Due: January 22, 2021

On September 25, 2020 Carolina Digital Phone, Inc. (Carolina Digital) filed an application² pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3) of the Commission's rules,³ seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators.⁴

In its application, Carolina Digital, an interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider, included the contact information and acknowledgements required by section 52.15(g)(3)(i) of the Commission's rules.⁵ In addition Carolina Digital provided evidence that it will be capable of providing service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date⁶ and certified that it complies with the contribution, regulatory fee, and 911 obligations set forth in section 52.15(g)(3)(i)(E).⁷ Carolina Digital also certified that it has the financial, managerial, and technical expertise to provide reliable service;⁸ that none of its key management and technical personnel are being or have been investigated by the Federal Communications Commission, or any law enforcement or regulatory agency, for failure to

¹ We assign WC Docket No. 20-315 for this application and all related filings by the applicant and interested parties. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Commencement Date and Process for Interconnected VoIP Providers to File Applications for Authorization to Obtain Telephone Numbers*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 949, 950 (WCB 2016).

² See Application of Carolina Digital Phone, Inc. for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 20-315 (filed September 25, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1092632218283> (Carolina Digital Application).

³ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3).

⁴ For purposes of this Public Notice, the Numbering Administrators include the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator.

⁵ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(A)-(C), (F).

⁶ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(D).

⁷ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(E); see also 47 CFR §§ 1.1154, 52.17, 52.32, 64.604(c)(5)(iii); 47 CFR pts. 9 and 54, subpt. H.

⁸ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(F).

comply with any law, rule, or order;⁹ and that no party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹⁰ Finally, Carolina Digital intends to provide initial service in North Carolina, but requests authorization for all 50 states.¹¹

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Numbering Authorization Application identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any interconnected VoIP Numbering Authorization Application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3)(ii) of the Commission's rules,¹² interested parties may file comments in WC Docket No. 20-315 **on or before January 22, 2021**. Commenters must serve a copy of comments on Carolina Digital no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Carolina Digital may provide the states in which it intends to request numbers the required 30-day notice on the 31st day after the date of this notice.¹³

Pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3)(ii) of the Commission's rules,¹⁴ interested parties to this proceeding must file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) Margoux Newman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau,
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The proceeding in this Notice will be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 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

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(G); *see also* 21 U.S.C. § 862.

¹¹ *See* Carolina Digital Application at 2. *See also* *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al.*, Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 6839, 6850, para. 24 & n.74 (2015) (*VoIP Direct Access to Numbers Order*).

¹² 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii).

¹³ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(iii); *see also* *VoIP Direct Access to Numbers Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 6855, para. 34 (requiring interconnected VoIP providers to file notices of intent to request numbers with relevant state commissions, on an ongoing basis, at least 30 days prior to requesting numbers from the Numbering Administrators).

¹⁴ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii).

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).¹⁵ Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Margoux Newman at margoux.newman@fcc.gov, Jordan Reth at jordan.reth@fcc.gov, or Michelle Sclater at michelle.sclater@fcc.gov.

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¹⁵ 47 CFR § 1.1206(b).