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APPLICATIONS OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC AND USCELLULAR FOR CONSENT TO ASSIGN LOWER 700 MHz AND 3.45 GHz LICENSES

NRUF REPORTS AND LNP REPORTS PLACED INTO THE RECORD, SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

WT Docket No. 25-150 CC Docket No. 99-200

In connection with the Commission's review of the applications seeking Commission consent to assign several Lower 700 MHz and 3.45 GHz licenses from various subsidiaries and affiliates of United States Cellular Corporation (UScellular) to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T Inc. (AT&T) (collectively, the Applicants), the Commission is examining information contained in the biannual Numbering Resource Utilization and Forecast (NRUF) reports filed by wireless telecommunications carriers, ¹ carrier-specific local number portability (LNP) data related to wireless telecommunications carriers, and further disaggregated monthly carrier-specific local number portability data (Carrier-to-Carrier LNP Data) related to wireless telecommunications carriers. These data may assist the Commission in assessing the competitive effects of the transaction. Accordingly, the NRUF reports for all wireless telecommunications carriers for December 2024 and the monthly LNP reports for all wireless telecommunications carriers for January 2024 through December 2024 are being placed in the record in these proceedings, subject to the provisions of a protective order.² Future NRUF and LNP reports will be placed in the record in these proceedings, subject to the provisions of a protective order, as they become available.

Section 251 of the Communications Act grants the Commission jurisdiction over the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) and related telephone numbering issues.³ To monitor better the way numbering resources are used within the NANP and allocate NANP resources efficiently, the Commission requires telecommunications carriers to provide the Commission with a utilization report of their current inventory of telephone numbers and a five-year forecast of their numbering resource requirements.⁴ LNP data are collected by the LNP Administrator and provided to the Commission.

The Commission has recognized that disaggregated, carrier-specific forecast and utilization data should be treated as confidential and should be exempt from public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).⁵ The NRUF and LNP reports are being placed into the record subject to the provisions of a

¹ 47 CFR §§ 1.907, 52.5.

² A protective order will be adopted shortly.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 251.

⁴ 47 CFR § 52.15(f); *see Numbering Resource Optimization*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 7574, 7578-79, para. 5 (2000) (*Numbering Report and Order*).

⁵ Numbering Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd at 7607, para. 78.

protective order. As such, the NRUF and LNP data will not be available to the public except pursuant to the terms of the protective order, as outlined below.

Persons seeking to review the NRUF and LNP data may do so only for purposes of participating in this proceeding. Pursuant to the protective order, outside persons participating or intending to participate in the proceeding who are not involved in competitive decision-making activities and who have signed the Acknowledgment of Confidentiality attached to the protective order may review the NRUF and LNP data. We emphasize that persons seeking to review the NRUF and LNP data must have adequate protections in place to prevent improper use or disclosure of the information.

Affected parties have until <u>Monday, September 8, 2025</u> to oppose the limited disclosure of their NRUF and LNP data pursuant to the protective order.⁶ In addition, affected parties will have five business days after the filing of an acknowledgment of confidentiality to object to the release of their data to a particular person who requests permission to review it.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may submit filings and other documents, referencing WT Docket No. 25-150, on or before the date indicated above. Filings may be submitted using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
 - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S.
 Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal
 Communications Commission.
 - O Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
 - Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

One copy of each filing must be delivered electronically, by email, or if delivered as paper copy, by messenger delivery, commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) Susannah Larson, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at Susannah.Larson@fcc.gov; (2) Judith Dempsey, Office of Economics and Analytics, at Judith.Dempsey@fcc.gov; and (3) Joel Rabinovitz, Office of General Counsel, at Joel.Rabinovitz@fcc.gov. Any submission emailed to these individuals should include in the subject line of the email, for example: (1) WT Docket No. 25-150; (2) the name of the submitting party; and (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (e.g., WT Docket No. 25-150, Widget Corp., NRUF Objection).

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⁶ If disclosure is opposed, the procedures set forth in 47 CFR § 0.461(i) shall apply.

This action is taken pursuant to sections 4(i) and 310(d) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 310(d), section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), and authority delegated under section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 0.331, and is effective upon its adoption.

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