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## **WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE PROPOSED NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATION FUND SIZE ESTIMATE AND CONTRIBUTION FACTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

**CC Docket No. 92-237**

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces the proposed North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration fund size estimate and contribution factor for the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 (Fiscal Year 2027). Proper funding of NANP administration ensures that consumers will continue to have access to the numbering resources essential to the provision of new services and technologies.

### **A. Calculating the NANP Administration Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor**

Pursuant to its contract with the Commission and section 52.16(a) of the Commission's rules, the NANP Billing and Collection Agent, Welch LLP (the B&C Agent), is responsible for calculating, assessing, billing, and collecting payments for numbering administration functions, and for distributing funds to the entities that support these functions (for example, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA)).<sup>1</sup> Consistent with this function, the B&C Agent annually develops the projected numbering administration costs and fund size estimate for the upcoming fiscal year.

The B&C Agent allocates a portion of the funding requirement to all NANP member countries<sup>2</sup> for overall administration of the NANP, and also accounts for additional numbering administration services provided by the NANPA to certain member countries, such as the United States,<sup>3</sup> and recovers the costs for such additional services from those countries.

For the funding required from the United States, section 52.17 of the Commission's rules requires that all telecommunications carriers in the United States contribute on a competitively neutral basis to pay

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<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 52.16(a).

<sup>2</sup> The NANP member countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Sint Maarten, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the United States (including American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). 47 CFR § 52.5(d).

<sup>3</sup> For the United States, such additional services include administration of central office codes, thousands-block number pooling, and routing numbers (pseudo-Automatic Numbering Identification numbers). See 47 CFR §§ 52.15, 52.20.

such costs,<sup>4</sup> and the B&C Agent collects such payments directly from U.S. carriers.<sup>5</sup> Each year, the B&C Agent develops a contribution factor for U.S. telecommunications carriers designed to collect the projected United States contribution for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission's rules provide that contributions shall be the product of the carriers' end-user telecommunications revenues for the prior calendar year and the contribution factor, and such contributions shall be no less than \$25.<sup>6</sup>

**B. Billing and Collection Agent Projection of the Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor**

The B&C Agent has provided to the Commission a proposed a fund size estimate and contribution factor for recovering the cost of NANP Administration for Fiscal Year 2027, in accordance with section 52.16(a) of the Commission's rules. The proposed budget and factor are shown in the Appendix to this Public Notice.<sup>7</sup> The proposed budget includes a funding requirement of \$9,378,414 for Fiscal Year 2027, and a contribution factor of 0.0001134 for collection from U.S. carriers.<sup>8</sup> As detailed in the proposed budget, the proposed contribution factor is slightly higher than the contribution factor for the prior fiscal year (0.0001091) due to a lower projected revenue contribution base and higher cost, but offset somewhat by a surplus carried over from the prior year.<sup>9</sup> This year's contingency allowance is \$1,250,000, the same amount as last year.<sup>10</sup> The funding requirement contemplates a contribution from U.S. carriers totaling \$7,642,653, a contribution from Canada of \$161,850, contributions from the other member countries totaling \$31,541, and application of a \$1,542,370 accumulated surplus anticipated based on last year's surplus.<sup>11</sup> Additional detail about the B&C Agent's considerations in establishing the fund size estimate, contribution factor, and contingency allowance may be found in the B&C Agent's publicly-available monthly fund reports.<sup>12</sup>

**C. Effective Date of the Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor**

Consistent with the Commission's annual review process, if the Commission takes no action regarding the proposed fund size estimate and contribution factor by August 28, 2026, the fund size estimate and the contribution factor are considered approved by the Commission and become effective for Fiscal Year 2027.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR § 52.17. For purposes of this rule, the term "telecommunications carrier" or "carrier" includes interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers as that term is defined in section 52.5 of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR § 52.5(b), (i).

<sup>5</sup> 47 CFR §§ 52.16(a), 52.17.

<sup>6</sup> 47 CFR § 52.17(a).

<sup>7</sup> Appendix.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*, Exhibit 1.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> Compare *id.* with Letter from Mark Jackson, Partner, Welch LLP, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket No. 92-237 (filed June 26, 2025).

<sup>11</sup> Appendix at 2.

<sup>12</sup> See North American Numbering Plan Fund, Monthly Fund Reports, <https://nanpfund.com/monthly-fund-reports/> (last visited June 24, 2026).

<sup>13</sup> See, e.g., *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces the Proposed North American Numbering Plan Administration Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor for October 2025 Through September 2026*, CC Docket No. 92-237, Public Notice, 40 FCC Rcd 5099, 5100 (WCB 2025); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces the Proposed North American Numbering Plan Administration Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor for October 2024 Through September 2025*, CC Docket No. 92-237, Public Notice, 39 FCC Rcd 9675, 9676 (WCB 2024).

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