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VIA E-MAIL

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Re:  NANC Reassigned Numbers Database Funding Recommendations

Dear Ms. Monteith and Mr. Webre,

Transmitted with this cover letter are the final Recommendations on Funding of the Creation Costs and Fee Structure for Users of the Reassigned Numbers Database developed by the North American Numbering Council’s (NANC’s) Numbering Administration Oversight Working Group (NAOWG) and approved by the NANC today.

As part of its decision to reduce unwanted telephone calls by establishing a single, comprehensive database that will contain reassigned number information, the Commission instructed the NANC to develop a Technical Requirements Document for the database, and to consider technical issues surrounding how the database administrator can collect fees from callers that use the database, including how to structure fees and the amount of such fees.¹ In compliance with the extension of time order granted by the Bureaus,² the NANC submitted the Technical Requirements Document to the Commission on January 13, 2020,³ and today we are providing you with our database fee recommendations.

² Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket No. 17-59, Order, 34 FCC Rcd 8005 (CGB and WCB 2019).
³ Wireline Competition Bureau and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Seek Comment on Technical Requirements for Reassigned Numbers Database, CG Docket No.
As you will see in the attached document, the NAOWG found that insufficient information exists to allow for recommendations on specific funding and pricing amounts. After examining the National Do-Not-Call Registry as a potential model as instructed by the Commission, the NAOWG determined that fundamental differences between the Registry and the Reassigned Numbers Database, as well as a dearth of publicly available cost information related to the Registry, precluded the group from determining specific dollar amounts for establishing and operating the database. The attached recommendations address the processes for funding and repayment of the creation costs of the Reassigned Numbers Database, as well as the initial pricing structure and pricing levels for use of the database.

I would like to thank the hard-working members of the NAOWG responsible for creating the recommendations.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment