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NOTICE CONCERNING *EX PARTE* STATUS OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

CC Docket No. 92-237

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) recently announced the members of the working groups of the North American Numbering Council (Council or NANC).¹ The NANC is a federal advisory committee, whose updated membership and working groups were announced in November 2017.² The NANC will advise the Commission on numbering issues and make recommendations that foster efficient and impartial number administration. It is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).³

Under the FACA, the Commission is responsible for oversight of the NANC, including its subcommittees and working groups.⁴ As a result, FCC staff or Commissioners may participate in or attend meetings or other activities held by both the NANC and its subcommittees and working groups. In light of this, we are announcing that, pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.1200(a), presentations to the NANC, including to its subcommittees and working groups and at any roundtable discussions sponsored by the NANC, and presentations between NANC members (including members of any subcommittees or working groups) and FCC staff or Commissioners, will be treated as exempt presentations for *ex parte* purposes. This treatment is appropriate since presentations to the Committee, like comments on a Notice of Inquiry, will not directly result in the promulgation of new rules.⁵

We recognize, however, that in the course of its work the NANC will likely address issues that are subject to pending rulemaking proceedings.⁶ The Commission will not rely in these proceedings on

¹ *FCC Announces North American Numbering Council Issue-specific Working Groups Membership*, Public Notice, DA 18-106 (February 5, 2018).

² *FCC Announces the Chair, Vice Chair and Membership of the North American Numbering Council*, CC Docket No. 92-237, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 9423 (2017).

³ *See* 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

⁴ *See id.*

⁵ *See* 47 CFR § 1.1204(b)(1)(exempt treatment of presentations regarding a Notice of Inquiry).

⁶ *See, e.g., Call Authentication Trust Anchor*, Notice of Inquiry, 32 FCC Rcd 5988 (2017); *Toll Free Assignment Modernization et al.*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 7885 (2017); *Nationwide Number Portability et al.*, Notice of Inquiry and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 8034 (2017).

any information submitted to the NANC, or to any of its subcommittees, working groups, or sponsored roundtables, or information conveyed by NANC members (including members of any subcommittees or working groups) to FCC staff or Commissioners unless that information is first placed in the record of the relevant proceeding.

Additional information regarding the NANC can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/general/north-american-numbering-council>. You may also contact Marilyn Jones, Designated Federal Officer for the NANC at (202) 418-2357 or marilyn.jones@fcc.gov; Michelle Sclater, Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the NANC at (202) 418-0388 or michelle.sclater@fcc.gov; or Carmell Weathers, Special Assistant to the DFO, at (202) 418-2325 or carmell.weathers@fcc.gov.

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