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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF TOLL FREE ASSIGNMENT MODERNIZATION RULE REVISIONS

WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155

On September 27, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission released a Report and Order (*TFAM Order*) that revised certain toll free numbering rules to promote the efficient allocation of toll free numbers.¹ To ensure that numbers are assigned to the parties that value them most, the Commission's rules now allow for numbers to be assigned in a manner suited to their specific characteristics, including by auction,² and for those numbers assigned via auction to be transferred in the secondary market.³

The Federal Register published a summary of the *TFAM Order*, including rule revisions, on October 23, 2018.⁴ As ordered in the *TFAM Order*, the toll free numbering rule revisions take effect 30 days after publication of the revisions in the Federal Register.⁵ Therefore, the rule revisions are effective as of **November 23, 2018**.

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¹ See *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155, Report and Order, FCC 18-137 (rel. Sept. 27, 2018).

² *Id.* at 6, paras. 12-13; see also 47 CFR § 52.111.

³ *Id.* at 28-31, paras. 79-85; see also 47 CFR §§ 52.105(f); 52.107(c). The *TFAM Order* made further ministerial revisions to the Commission's toll free numbering rules. *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, FCC 18-137 at 31-33, paras. 86-93; see also 47 CFR §§ 52.101(a), (e); 52.103(a)(10), (b)(1), (d), (f); 52.109(c).

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, 83 Fed. Reg. 53377 (Oct. 23, 2018).

⁵ *Toll Free Assignment Modernization*, FCC 18-137 at 35, para. 100.