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Mr. William F. Caton
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Caton:

The Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association ("CTIA") supports the Commission's establishment of the North American Numbering Council ("Council"), a Federal Advisory Committee for the neutral administration of the North American Numbering Plan. Pursuant to the Commission's Public Notice of August 9, 1995, in CC Docket 92-237, CTIA applies for membership to the Council and designates Dr. Brian Fontes as its representative. As CTIA's Senior Vice President of Policy and Administration, Dr. Fontes is authorized to represent the interests of CTIA on this matter.

CTIA is the international organization of the wireless communications industry for both wireless carriers and equipment manufacturers. Membership in the association covers all Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers, including cellular, personal communications services, enhanced specialized mobile radio services, and mobile satellite services. CTIA's membership also includes support service providers and others with an interest in the wireless industry.

CTIA seeks membership on the Council, having participated actively in this proceeding since its inception in 1992. The record evidence demonstrates CTIA's long standing commitment to ensuring the neutral administration of the North American Numbering Plan. CTIA continuously has supported the establishment of a new, independent NANP Administrator, comprised of a neutral governing board open to all segments of the telecommunications industry.¹ In an October 24, 1994 letter to Chairman Hundt, CTIA urged the Commission to move forward on establishing such an entity.²

¹ See CTIA's Comments, Reply Comments and *Ex Parte* Presentations filed in *In the Matter of Administration of the North American Numbering Plan*, CC Docket No. 92-237. Specifically, in an *ex parte* presentation on June 9, 1995, CTIA's proposed the creation of the U.S. Numbering Association, a neutral, independent entity to administer the U.S. numbering resources of World Zone One which includes Bermuda, Canada, the United States and the Caribbean islands in the 809 NPA.

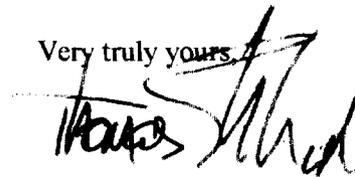
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Eighty thousand new telephone numbers are assigned daily, and two-thirds of the new telephone numbers go to subscribers of wireless services. As new wireless services, *i.e.*, PCS, ESMR, and MSS, are deployed, this number will increase dramatically. The rapid and fair distribution of numbering resources is critical to responding to consumer demands for wireless technology. If the Council is to advise the Commission on numbering issues, particularly on the fair administration of numbers for wireless services, the interests of wireless carriers and equipment manufacturers must be represented. The fair and impartial resolution of numbering issues and the selection of a neutral NANP Administrator will require knowledge of the critical issues and the Commission's process as well as expertise in facilitating consensus among various segments of the telecommunications industry. Accordingly, CTIA has nominated Dr. Brian Fontes.

CTIA commits to participate actively in good faith in the objectives of the Council and looks forward to membership on the Council to ensure the neutral administration of the North American Numbering Plan.

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See also CTIA's Comments and Reply Comments filed in Request for Declaratory Ruling and Interlocutory Order on Proposed 708 Relief Plan and 630 Numbering Plan Area Code, IAD File No. 94-102; and Request for Declaratory Ruling on Pacific Bell Area Code Numbering Plan, IAD File No. 94-104.

² See Letter from Mr. Thomas E. Wheeler to Chairman Reed Hundt 3 (Oct. 24, 1994).