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**THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL (NANC) ISSUES
 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TELEPHONE
 NUMBER PORTABILITY; 60 DAY TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH STATES MAY
 ELECT TO OPT OUT OF REGIONAL NUMBER PORTABILITY DATABASE
 SYSTEM COMMENCES; COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENTS ON
 THE NANC'S RECOMMENDATIONS
 (CC DOCKET NO. 95-116)**

Comment Date: June 2, 1997

Reply Date: June 17, 1997

On June 27, 1996, the Commission adopted the *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (First Report & Order)* in the above-referenced docket implementing the requirement under section 251(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, that all local exchange carriers offer number portability in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Commission.¹ In the *First Report & Order*, the Commission directed the North American Numbering Council (NANC), a federal advisory committee, to select one or more independent, non-governmental entities that are not aligned with any particular telecommunications segment, to serve as a local number portability administrator(s) (LNPA(s)).² The Commission also directed the NANC to make recommendations regarding, *inter alia*, the duties of LNPA(s), the location of regional databases, and technical specifications for the regional databases.³

The NANC forwarded its recommendations to the Commission on May 1, 1997 in a report from its Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group, dated April 25, 1997. Specifically, the NANC issued recommendations in the following areas: (1) what party or parties should be selected as LNPA(s); (2) whether one or multiple LNPA(s) should be selected; (3) how the LNPA(s) should be selected; (4) specific duties of the LNPA(s); (5) geographic coverage of the regional databases; (6) technical standards, including interoperability standards, network interface standards, and technical specifications, for the regional databases;

¹ *Telephone Number Portability, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 11 FCC Rcd 8352 (1996) (*First Report & Order*).

² *Id.* at 8401, ¶ 93.

³ *Id.* at 8402-03, ¶¶ 95, 99.

(7) the sharing of numbering information between the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the LNPA(s); and (8) the future role of the NANC with respect to local number portability issues. The Commission will act on these recommendations in a future order. Copies of the NANC's Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group report are available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours, in the Commission's Public Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication, at 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, or by calling (202) 875-3800. In addition, the NANC's Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group report is available for review via the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Nanc>.

The *First Report & Order* directed the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, to issue a Public Notice that specifically identifies the administrator(s) selected by the NANC and the proposed locations of the regional databases.⁴ Pursuant to this directive, we hereby announce that the NANC has made the following recommended LNPA selections, in the following regions:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Specific States Per Region</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
Northeast	Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts	Lockheed Martin IMS
Mid-Atlantic	New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.	Lockheed Martin IMS
Mid-West	Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio	Lockheed Martin IMS
Southeast	Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana	Perot Systems, Inc.
Southwest	Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri	Lockheed Martin IMS
Western	Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, and Alaska	Perot Systems, Inc.
West Coast	California, Nevada, and Hawaii	Perot Systems, Inc.

⁴ *Id.* at 8402-03, ¶ 96.

The NANC also recommends that the U.S. territories choose from one of the seven regions. A state has 60 days from the release date of this Public Notice to notify the Common Carrier Bureau and the NANC that it does not wish to participate in the regional database system for number portability.⁵

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 9, and consistent with its charter, the NANC's authority is limited to providing advice and recommendations to the Commission. Moreover, all procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et. seq.*, and other applicable statutes continue to apply. Interested parties should file an original and four copies of their comments on the NANC's number portability recommendations by **June 2, 1997** and reply comments by **June 17, 1997** with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments should reference CC Docket No. 96-115. In addition, parties should send one copy to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy to ITS, at 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of comments and reply comments will also be available from ITS, at 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, or by calling (202) 875-3800.

We will continue to treat this proceeding as a non-restricted rulemaking for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See generally* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206. For further information contact Steven Teplitz or Kyle Dixon, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

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⁵ *Id.*