



February 4, 2015

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 95-116 & WC Docket No. 09-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 3, 2015, B. Lynn Follansbee of USTelecom, Scott Bergmann of CTIA -The Wireless Association, Ann Berkowitz of Verizon, Charles McKee of Sprint, Indra Chalk of T-Mobile, Jeff Lanning of CenturyLink and Teresa Gaugler of XO Communications met with Daniel Alvarez of Chairman Wheeler's office. The subject of discussion was the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA) transition.

USTelecom, CTIA, Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile, CenturyLink and XO met with Mr. Alvarez to urge the Commission to take action now and approve the North American Numbering Counsel's (NANC) recommendation for the next LNPA. We stressed the importance of the Commission circulating and adopting the draft Wireline Competition Bureau Order as soon as possible.

Specifically, we reiterated the substantial cost of further delay to consumers. As USTelecom and CTIA have indicated in previous filings in this proceeding,¹ any extension of the current LNPA contract beyond its scheduled June 2015 expiration will automatically trigger a price escalation clause and will cost consumers over \$40 million *per month*. The current Administrator's most recent arguments² that the transition costs would make the transition overly costly are irrelevant because transition costs are expected in any procurement process, and in any event, the costs to consumers due to additional delay will be even more exorbitant.

¹ See Comments of CTIA & USTelecom at 20-21; *see also* Reply Comments of CTIA & USTelecom at 7-8.

² See *Ex Parte Letter From Neustar, Inc. to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission*, CC Docket 95-116, WC Docket 09-109, January 26, 2015.

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The industry groups involved are poised to begin transition and are confident that the transition will be efficient and appropriately managed. The most important element is to get the transition underway and that cannot happen until the Commission issues an Order.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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