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**COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON NORTH
AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING ABBREVIATED DIALING ARRANGEMENTS**

(CC Docket 92-105)

NSD File No. L-98-139

Comment Date: January 13, 1998

Reply Comment Date: January 27, 1998

On September 29, 1998, the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau received a report from the North American Numbering Council (NANC) on abbreviated dialing arrangements (NANC Report).¹ Abbreviated dialing arrangements are telephone numbers with less than the standard 7 or 10 digits. The NANC report was developed in response to a Commission directive in the *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket No. 92-105,² that NANC explore the feasibility of abbreviated dialing arrangements other than N11 codes and estimate how rapidly such alternative abbreviated dialing arrangements could be deployed. N11 codes are three-digit telephone numbers in which the first digit is 2 through 9 and the last two digits are both 1.

The NANC Report addresses the necessity for additional abbreviated dialing arrangements and the technical feasibility of implementing these arrangements. Specifically, the NANC Report includes: a definition of abbreviated dialing; suggestions regarding the type of applications abbreviated dialing arrangements may serve, as well as the types of applications such arrangements should not serve; a discussion regarding the possible use of N11 codes; and a discussion about whether

¹ See Report and Recommendations of the Abbreviated Dialing Ad Hoc Working Group to the North American Numbering Council (NANC) Regarding Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements, September 23, 1998. The report is available via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Nanc/nanccorr.html>.

² See In the Matter of the Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket 92-105, 12 FCC Rcd 5572, 5608 (1997).

vertical service codes (VSCs) should be employed for abbreviated dialing purposes. In addition, the NANC Report identifies and discusses several potential formats that might be suited for industry deployment; explores the network and service impacts of the deployment, and estimates the time frame for implementation.

We seek comment on the complete NANC Report. We request that interested parties comment not only on the assumptions and conclusions contained therein, but also on any related items or issues not addressed in the NANC Report. We further request that interested parties address the Minority Opinions located at Appendix B of the NANC Report.

Interested parties should file an original and four copies of their comments on the Report and Recommendations of the Abbreviated Dialing Ad Hoc Working Group to the North American Numbering Council (NANC) Regarding Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements by January 13, 1999, and reply comments by January 27, 1999 with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554. Comments and reply comments should reference CC Docket No. 92-105. In addition, parties should send two copies to Jeannie Grimes, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Suite 235, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554. 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, DC 20554.

Parties are encouraged to file a copy of all pleadings on 3.5 inch diskette in an IBM-compatible format using WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows software in a "read only" mode. Diskette submissions should be in addition to, and not a substitute for, the hard copy filing requirements outlined in the above paragraph. All diskettes should be clearly labeled with: (1) the party's name; (2) the name of the proceeding and docket number; (3) the type of filing submitted (e.g., comments, reply comments); and (4) the date of the submission. The diskettes should be accompanied by a cover letter and filed with: (1) Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, FCC, Room 222, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

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. All procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et. seq.*, and other applicable statutes will apply to this proceeding. We will 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: Helene Nankin or David Ward, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-2320. The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, DC 20054. The fax number is: (202) 418-7314. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.