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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation in CC Docket No. 99-200

Dear Ms. Salas:

On May 10, 2001, representatives from the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and its sponsored Industry Numbering Committee (INC), met via conference call with Commission staff. The individuals representing ATIS and the INC were Norman Epstein, Verizon, INC Moderator and co-chair of the NANP Expansion Workshop (NANPE); David Bench, Nortel, NANPE co-chair; Hugh Burrows, Burrows Resource Group Inc, NANPE co-chair; Jean-Paul Emard, ATIS Director – Industry Forums; and Megan Campbell, ATIS General Counsel. The Commission staff participating included Yog Varma, Deputy Chief, CCB; Diane Harmon, Acting Chief, NSD, CCB; Jennifer Gorny, Attorney, NSD, CCB; Sanford Williams, Attorney-Advisor, NSD, CCB and Cheryl Callahan, Designated Federal Officer, NANC.

The Commission staff requested the conference call for the purpose of discussing the NANP Expansion options as developed by the INC and presented to the North American Numbering Council on January 16, 2001, as a status report of INC's NANP Expansion studies (The NANC presentation can be found at <http://www.atis.org/pub/clc/inc/nanc/nanc0101.ppt>; refer to the Interim Report at <http://www.atis.org/pub/clc/inc/99121025.doc>.) Specifically, the Commission staff wanted to discuss options 1A and 1B as the others had been eliminated as a recommendation for various reasons by the INC. During the discussion of these options, a variation, referred to as option 1C for discussion purposes, was considered. Option 1C involves the expansion of the CO code to four digits with no expansion of the NPA code. It was suggested that such an option would increase the available numbers in each NPA code thereby lessening the need for the States to issue new NPA codes.

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The INC representation acknowledged that the INC did not consider Option 1C given the assumptions the committee was operating under, namely, that the objective was to increase the number of NPA codes. It is the exhaust of the NPA codes that will determine the exhaust of the NANP; therefore, one of the main assumptions and objectives of the NANP expansion efforts has been to increase the number of NPA codes available. The INC representatives noted that the increased quantity of CO codes would likely result in stranded numbers in sparsely populated areas. However, through further discussion, it was noted that an increase in the CO codes would assist in the optimization efforts associated with the allocation of additional thousands blocks. The discussion continued and included issues regarding the resulting elimination of 7-digit dialing and the necessitated 11-digit dialing, implementation before the exhaust of existing NPA codes and dialing delay.

At the conclusion of the call, the INC representatives agreed to recommend to the INC NANP Expansion workshop that Option 1C be further considered and analyzed.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commissions Rules, ATIS submits an original and one copy of this notice of *ex parte* contact for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please date-stamp and return the extra copy to our messenger. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 434-8847.

Sincerely,



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