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THE COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE NATIONAL THOUSANDS-BLOCK NUMBER POOLING ROLLOUT SCHEDULE

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COMMENTS: November 6, 2001

REPLY COMMENTS: November 16, 2001

In this Public Notice, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the proposed national thousands-block number pooling rollout schedule (rollout schedule). As requested by the Commission, NeuStar, Inc., the National Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administrator, developed the proposed rollout schedule. NeuStar will coordinate and administer the allocation of thousands-blocks for the national pooling rollout.

In the *Numbering Resource Optimization First Report and Order*, the Commission determined that implementation of thousands-block number pooling is essential to extending the life of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) by making the assignment and use of NXX codes more efficient.¹ Thousand-block number pooling is an alternative method for the assignment of numbering resources which involves the allocation of blocks of a thousand sequential numbers within an NXX code² to different service providers in a particular rate area.

The rollout schedule for national thousands-block number pooling is divided into three-month segments, or quarters. Starting in March 2002, number pools will be established in approximately 21 numbering plan areas (NPAs) each quarter, with an initial concentration on NPAs in the top 100 MSAs, and a special focus on jeopardy NPAs that are within the largest 100 MSAs. Pooling trials that have commenced before March 2002 will be transitioned into the national pooling administration program prior to the national pooling rollout. States may choose

¹ *Numbering Resource Optimization, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 15 FCC Rcd 7574, 7625, para. 122 (rel. Mar. 31, 2000)(*First Report and Order*).

² NXX code or central office code refers to the second three digits (also called digits D-E-F) of a ten-digit telephone number in the form NXX-NXX-XXXX, where N represents any one of the numbers 2 through 9 and X represents one of the numbers 0 through 9. 47 C.F.R. § 52.7(c).

to opt out of the rollout schedule on a temporary basis by informing NeuStar of their decision three months prior to the rollout date.³

In addition, to serve the needs of states outside of the top 100 MSAs that believe that pooling would be beneficial in an NPA within their state, the Bureau will consider petitions from states to opt into the rollout schedule on a case-by-case basis.⁴ We will also consider requests from states that have petitioned for but did not receive delegated authority to conduct pooling trials, to opt into the rollout schedule on a case-by-case basis.⁵ Finally, state commissions may petition to substitute an alternative NPA for the NPA listed in the rollout schedule, as long as the substitute NPA has a life span of at least one year and is located within one of the top 100 MSAs.⁶

We hereby seek comment on the proposed national thousands-block number pooling rollout schedule. Commenters should address the structure of the rollout schedule, including the proposed dates for implementing thousands-block pooling for specific NPAs. In addition, requests from states to opt into or out of the rollout schedule, or to substitute an alternative NPA, should be filed in response to this Public Notice within the initial comment period.

The proposed rollout schedule and a detailed copy of the 1st quarter schedule are attached to this Public Notice, and will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. Interested parties may file comments or requests concerning this matter on or before **November 6, 2001**, and reply comments on or before **November 16, 2001**. All filings must reference **CC Docket 99-200**. Send an original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554 and two copies to Carmell Weathers, Network Services Division, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-B153, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. If using this method, please reference **CC Docket No. 99-200** in the Proceeding block. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, postal service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, including "get form <your e-mail address>" in the body of the message. A sample form and directions will

³ See *First Report and Order* at para. 163.

⁴ See *First Report and Order* at para. 164.

⁵ See *Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petitions of Representative Keith R. McCall and other Pennsylvania State Representatives and the Louisiana Public Service Commission Requesting Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures and Common Carrier Bureau Declines to Address the Remaining Requests of the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Louisiana Public Service Commission for Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-98, 99-200, DA 01-2174 (rel. October 9, 2001).

⁶ See *First Report and Order* at para. 165.

be sent in reply. After filing your comments electronically, please send an e-mail to Carmell Weathers, cweather@fcc.gov, indicating that comments have been filed.

This is a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁷ As a “permit but disclose” proceeding, *ex parte* presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings.⁸

Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.⁹ Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) as well.

For further information contact Sanford Williams of the Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, at (202) 418-2320 or swilliam@fcc.gov. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484.

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⁷ See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216.

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

**Thousands Block Number Pooling
Detailed Rollout Plan - 09/24/01**

1st Quarter			
NPA	Region	State	MSA
401	NE	RHODE ISLAND	Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI
802	NE	VERMONT	Burlington, VT
202	MA	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Washington, DC
571/703	MA	VIRGINIA	Washington, DC
302	MA	DELAWARE	Wilmington-Newark, DE
404/678/770	SE	GEORGIA	Atlanta, GA
407/321	SE	FLORIDA	Orlando, FL
504	SE	LOUISIANA	New Orleans, LA
513/283	MW	OHIO	Cincinnati, OH
248/947	MW	MICHIGAN	Detroit, MI
815	MW	ILLINOIS	Chicago, IL
314/557	SW	MISSOURI	St. Louis, MO
918	SW	OKLAHOMA	Tulsa, OK
409	SW	TEXAS	Houston, TX
505 & 575	WE	NEW MEXICO	Albuquerque, NM
425/564	WE	WASHINGTON	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA
320	WE	MINNESOTA	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
209	WC	CALIFORNIA	Stockton-Lodi, CA
949	WC	CALIFORNIA	Orange Co, CA
626	WC	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
760	WC	CALIFORNIA	Riverside-San Bernadino, CA

2nd Quarter			
NPA	Region	State	MSA
215/267/445	MA	PENNSYLVANIA	Philadelphia, PA
856	MA	NEW JERSEY	Philadelphia, PA
609	MA	NEW JERSEY	Philadelphia, PA
251	SE	ALABAMA	Mobile, AL
941	SE	FLORIDA	Sarasota-Bradenton, FL
865	SE	TENNESSEE	Knoxville, TN
205	SE	ALABAMA	Birmingham, AL
618	MW	ILLINOIS	St. Louis, MO
734	MW	MICHIGAN	Detroit, MI
616 & 269	MW	MICHIGAN	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI
414	MW	WISCONSIN	Milwaukee-Waukeesha, WI
810	MW	MICHIGAN	Detroit, MI
940	SW	TEXAS	Dallas, TX
660	SW	MISSOURI	Kansas City, MO
316	SW	KANSAS	Wichita, KS
712	WE	IOWA	Omaha, NE
763	WE	MINNESOTA	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
952	WE	MINNESOTA	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
805	WC	CALIFORNIA	Ventura, CA
559	WC	CALIFORNIA	Fresno, CA
530	WC	CALIFORNIA	Sacramento, CA

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3rd Quarter			
NPA	Region	State	MSA
908	MA	NEW JERSEY	Newark, NJ
304	MA	WEST VIRGINIA	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH
814	MA	PENNSYLVANIA	Erie, PA
423	SE	TENNESSEE	Knoxville, TN
985	SE	LOUISIANA	New Orleans, LA
727	SE	FLORIDA	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL
318	SE	LOUISIANA	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA
517	MW	MICHIGAN	Ann Arbor, MI
586	MW	MICHIGAN	Detroit, MI
440	MW	OHIO	Cleveland-Loraine-Elyria, OH
636	SW	MISSOURI	St. Louis, MO
936	SW	TEXAS	Houston, TX
214/469/972	SW	TEXAS	Dallas, TX
817/682	SW	TEXAS	Fort Worth, TX
651	WE	MINNESOTA	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
520	WE	ARIZONA	Tucson, AZ
206/564	WE	WASHINGTON	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA
213	WC	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
831	WC	CALIFORNIA	Fresno, CA
707	WC	CALIFORNIA	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA
775	WC	NEVADA	Las Vegas, NV

4th Quarter			
NPA	Region	State	MSA
352	SE	FLORIDA	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL
864	SE	SOUTH CAROLINA	Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC
502	SE	KENTUCKY	Louisville, KY
843	SE	SOUTH CAROLINA	Charleston-North Charleston, SC
803	SE	SOUTH CAROLINA	Columbia, SC
216	MW	OHIO	Cleveland-Loraine-Elyria, OH
989	MW	MICHIGAN	Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI
330/234	MW	OHIO	Akron, OH
419/567	MW	OHIO	Toledo, OH
913	SW	KANSAS	Kansas City, MO
830	SW	TEXAS	San Antonio, TX
573	SW	MISSOURI	St. Louis, MO
979	SW	TEXAS	Houston, TX
816/975	SW	MISSOURI	Kansas City, MO
623	WE	ARIZONA	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
208	WE	IDAHO	Boise, ID
928	WE	ARIZONA	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
612	WE	MINNESOTA	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
702	WC	NEVADA	Las Vegas, NV
661	WC	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
808	WC	HAWAII	Honolulu, HI

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5th Quarter			
NPA	Region	State	MSA
606	SE	KENTUCKY	Cincinnati, OH
252	SE	NORTH CAROLINA	Norfolk-Va. Beach-Newport News, VA
813 - Mand	SE	FLORIDA	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL
225	SE	LOUISIANA	Baton Rouge, LA
662	SE	MISSISSIPPI	Memphis, TN
231	MW	MICHIGAN	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI
765	MW	INDIANA	Indianapolis, IN
740	MW	OHIO	Columbus, OH
614/380	MW	OHIO	Columbus, OH
812	MW	INDIANA	Cincinnati, OH
937	MW	OHIO	Dayton-Springfield, OH
262	MW	WISCONSIN	Milwaukee-Waukeesa, WI
915	SW	TEXAS	El Paso, TX
405	SW	OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma City, OK
903	SW	TEXAS	Dallas, TX
501 & 479	SW	ARKANSAS	Little Rock, AR
956	SW	TEXAS	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX
253/564	WE	WASHINGTON	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA
308	WE	NEBRASKA	Nebraska non-MSA
319	WE	IOWA	Cedar Rapids, IA
907	WC	ALASKA	Anchorage, AK

6th Quarter			
NPA	Region	State	MSA
767/939	SE	PUERTO RICO	San Juan, PR
601	SE	MISSISSIPPI	Hattiesburg, MS
478	SE	GEORGIA	Macon, GA
912	SE	GEORGIA	Savannah, GA
228	SE	MISSISSIPPI	Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS
229	SE	GEORGIA	Albany, GA
313	MW	MICHIGAN	Detroit, MI
715	MW	WISCONSIN	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
906	MW	MICHIGAN	Michigan non-MSA
989	MW	MICHIGAN	Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI
920	MW	WISCONSIN	Green Bay, WI
785	SW	KANSAS	Topeka, KS
806	SW	TEXAS	Lubbock, TX
254	SW	TEXAS	Killeen-Temple, TX
435	WE	UTAH	Utah non-MSA
701	WE	NORTH DAKOTA	Fargo-Morhead, ND-MN
307	WE	WYOMING	Cheyenne, WY
719	WE	COLORADO	Colorado Springs, CO
563	WE	IOWA	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL
605	WE	SOUTH DAKOTA	Sioux Falls, SD
218	WE	MINNESOTA	Duluth-Superior, MN-WI

Attachment A
Accelerated Pooling Rollout Schedule

First Quarter - March 15 - June 15, 2002

STATE	VT*	DC	CA	NM	MO	GA	OH	RI	VA	CA	WA
Region	North-east	Mid- Atlantic	West Coast	Western	South-west	Southeast	Mid-west	North-east	Mid- Atlantic	West Coast	Western
NPA	802*	202	209	505 & 575	314/557	404/678/770	513/283	401	703/571	949	425/564
# of Pooled Rate Centers	103	1	51	46	7	63	23	25	19	7	11
First Implementation Meeting		01/03/02	01/08/02	01/10/02	01/15/02	01/17/02	01/23/02	01/29/02	01/31/02	02/05/02	02/07/02
Forecast Date	01/28/02	02/05/02	02/08/02	02/11/02	02/15/02	02/18/02	02/22/02	03/01/02	03/04/02	03/05/02	03/07/02
Block Protection Date	02/04/02	02/05/02	02/08/02	02/11/02	02/15/02	02/18/02	02/22/02	03/01/02	03/04/02	03/05/02	03/07/02
Block Donation Identification Date	02/04/02	02/05/02	02/08/02	02/11/02	02/15/02	02/18/02	02/22/02	03/01/02	03/04/02	03/05/02	03/07/02
PA Assessment Date	02/18/02	02/19/02	02/22/02	02/25/02	03/01/02	03/04/02	03/08/02	03/15/02	03/18/02	03/19/02	03/21/02
Block Donation Date	04/24/02	03/26/02	03/29/02	04/01/02	04/05/02	04/08/02	04/12/02	04/19/02	04/22/02	04/23/02	04/25/02
Pool Start Date	05/01/02	04/02/02	04/05/02	04/08/02	04/12/02	04/15/02	04/19/02	04/26/02	04/29/02	04/30/02	05/02/02

STATE	OK	FL	MI	DE	CA	MN	TX	LA	MI	CA	
Region	South-west	Southeast	Midwest	Mid- Atlantic	West Coast	Western	South-west	South-east	Midwest	West Coast	
NPA	918	407/321	248/947	302	626	320	409	504	815	760	
# of Pooled Rate Centers	69	23	21	30	10	36	28	8	135	78	
First Implementation Meeting	02/12/02	02/13/02	02/19/02	02/21/02	02/26/02	02/28/02	03/05/02	03/07/02	03/12/02	03/14/02	
Forecast Date	03/12/02	03/14/02	03/19/02	03/21/02	03/26/02	03/28/02	04/05/02	04/07/02	04/12/02	04/15/02	
Block Protection Date	03/12/02	03/14/02	03/19/02	03/21/02	03/26/02	03/28/02	04/05/02	04/07/02	04/12/02	04/15/02	
Block Donation Identification Date	03/12/02	03/14/02	03/19/02	03/21/02	03/26/02	03/28/02	04/05/02	04/07/02	04/12/02	04/15/02	
PA Assessment Date	03/26/02	03/28/02	04/02/02	04/04/02	04/09/02	04/11/02	04/19/02	04/21/02	04/26/02	04/29/02	
Block Donation Date	04/30/02	05/02/02	05/07/02	05/09/02	05/14/02	05/16/02	05/24/02	05/27/02	05/31/02	06/03/02	
Pool Start Date	05/07/02	05/09/02	05/14/02	05/16/02	05/21/02	05/23/02	05/31/02	06/03/02	06/07/02	06/10/02	

* State trial that is being implemented concurrently with national.