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**FCC ANNOUNCES GSA APPROVES RENEWAL OF
NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL CHARTER
THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2003**

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The General Services Administration (GSA) has renewed the charter of the North American Numbering Council (Council) through October 4, 2003. The Council will continue to advise the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on rapidly evolving and competitively significant numbering issues facing the telecommunications industry.

In October 1995, the Commission established the North American Numbering Council, a federal advisory committee created pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988), to advise the Commission on issues related to North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration in the United States, including local number portability administration issues. The original charter of the Council was effective on October 5, 1995, establishing an initial two-year term. The first amended charter was effective on October 5, 1997, renewing the term of the Council for an additional two years. The second amended charter was effective on October 5, 1999, renewing the term of the Council for an additional two years.

Since the last charter renewal, the Council has provided the Commission with critically important recommendations regarding numbering issues. During the term of the second amended charter, the Council made recommendations on issues which included: (1) thousands-block number pooling procedures and an administrator; (2) cost for the COCUS replacement tool used to collect number utilization and forecast data; (3) Industry Numbering Committee (INC) NANP Expansion Assumptions; (4) NANPA electronic file transfer capability for receiving utilization and forecast data; (5) secondary definitions for numbering categories; (6) number administration auditor technical requirements; (7) thousands-block number pooling administrator technical requirements; (8) fees for reserved numbers; and (9) wireless number portability technical, operational and implementation requirements.

The Council is currently considering and formulating recommendations on other important numbering-related issues that will require work beyond the term of the present charter. The term of the Council's third amended charter begins October 5, 2001 and runs through October 4, 2003. The third amended charter and current membership list are attached hereto.

The value of this federal advisory committee to the telecommunications industry and to the American public cannot be overstated. Numbers are the means by which consumers gain access to, and reap the benefits of, the public switched telephone network. The Council's recommendations to the Commission will facilitate fair and efficient numbering administration in the United States, and will ensure that numbering resources are available to all telecommunications service providers on a fair and equitable basis, consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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AMENDED CHARTER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

A. The Committee's Official Designation

The official designation of the advisory committee will be the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).

B. The Committee's Objectives and Scope of its Activity

The purpose of the council is to advise the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) and to make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues, initially resolve disputes as directed by the Commission, and provide guidance to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), and the Pooling Administrator (PA) as directed by the Commission.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that the NANP facilitates entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that the NANP does not unduly favor one technology over another; (4) that the NANP gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (5) that the NANP ensures that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out its Purposes

The Commission will review the accomplishments and activities of the Council to determine whether, after two years, this charter should again be renewed and the Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.

D. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Council will report to the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

E. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Commission will provide the necessary staff support for the Council and the facilities needed to conduct the meetings. If the Commission does not have meeting facilities available, private sector members will provide facilities. Private sector members of the Council will serve without any government compensation, and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem subsistence allowances.

- F. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible
The general duties of the Council are to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the Commission related to the attainment of the objectives stated under (B). Under the direction of the Commission, the Council will provide oversight of matters relating to numbering administration, including the development of industry guidelines. Specific duties will include developing and recommending technical requirements for the selection of neutral third-party numbering administrators (e.g., NANPA, LNP administrator). The Council will also prepare for the Commission periodic and final reports to aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities.
- G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years
Estimated staff years that will be expended by the Council are two for the Federal Communications Commission staff and four for private sector and other governmental representatives. The estimated annual cost to the Commission of operating the Committee is \$191,000. The Commission will not pay for private sector staff.
- H. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings
We expect that there will be no more than six Council meetings per year.
- I. Charter's Termination Date
This charter will terminate on October 4, 2003, prior to which the Commission may seek its renewal.
- J. Date Original Charter Filed
October 5, 1995.

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