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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of	)	
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Provision of Directory Listing Information Under the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended	)	CC Docket No. 99-273
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The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements	)	CC Docket No. 92-105
	)	
Administration of the North American Numbering Plan	)	CC Docket No. 92-237

ORDER

Adopted: February 4, 2002 **Released:** February 5, 2002

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. On January 9, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*Notice*) in which the Commission sought comment on proposed methods to promote further competition and choice in the retail directory assistance market.[1] The notice established a pleading cycle of 30 days for comments and 45 days for replies after publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.[2] On January 29, 2002, after the release of the *Notice* and prior to publication of the Federal Register summary, BellSouth filed a Request for Extension of Comment/Reply Comment Cycle.[3] BellSouth requests that the comment/reply cycle be extended to 60 days for comments and 90 days for replies after publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register. On January 30, 2002, the Commission received a request from Telegate, Inc. that the comment/reply period be extended to 45 days for comments and 75 days for replies after publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.[4]

2. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions are not routinely granted.[5] In this instance, however, we find that, because the issues presented are complex and highly technical, some extension of the pleading cycle is warranted. Accordingly, we conclude that the comment and reply cycles should each be extended by 15 days. Therefore, comments are now due on or before 45 days after

[1] *See* Provision of Directory Listing Information Under the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended; The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements, Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket Nos. 99-273, 92-105, 92-237, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 01-384 (rel. Jan. 9, 2002) (*Notice*).

[2] *Id.*

[3] *Bell South Request for Extension of Comment/Reply Comment Cycle*, letter from Mary L. Henze, BellSouth to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed Jan. 29, 2001).

[4] Letter from Ruth Milkman, Lawler, Metzger & Milkman, LLC to William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed Jan. 30, 2002).

[5] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register and reply comments are due on or before 75 days after publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register. We believe that this additional time will enable commenters to prepare comprehensive comments and replies. This, in turn, will help the Commission in its decision making and in resolving the complex issues raised in this proceeding.

3. IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties shall file comments on or before forty-five (45) days from the date of publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register, and reply comments on or before seventy-five (75) days from the date of publication of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.

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