January 28, 2009

Thomas M. Koutsky  
Chairman, North American Numbering Council  
5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440  
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Chairman Koutsky,

The North American Portability Management LLC (the “NAPM LLC”) today entered into an agreement to amend the seven existing Master Agreements for the seven United States former RBOC regions to deliver to the telecommunications industry both immediate substantial reductions in the cost of the Number Portability Administration Center/Service Management System (the “NPAC/SMS”), based upon industry forecasted volumes for the current year, and anticipated future reductions, all without increasing the existing term or duration of the agreements with the current administrator. Under the amendment, referred to as Amendment No. 70, effective January 1, 2009, an adjusting fixed price will replace the current transaction and volume-based pricing, without altering in any way the current FCC-mandated cost allocation methodology, either between the former RBOC regions or among
telecommunications providers in each region. This adjusted fixed price arrangement is intended to curtail the growth in NPAC/SMS costs that has been experienced as transactions associated with porting and pooling in the telecommunications industry have burgeoned.

Existing contract and management flexibility also has been enhanced by eliminating existing potential constraints on the NAPM LLC's ability immediately to investigate, develop and implement potential alternative or next-generation TN-level routing administration capabilities, to consider, develop and issue requests for information, requests for quotations and requests for proposals and to consider, accept and approve proposals or offers, whether solicited or unsolicited, for NPAC/SMS-type services and platforms. While preserving the Master Agreements' unique and effective Gateway Evaluation Process (the "GEP") that has ensured the continuing provision by the current administrator of superb quality NPAC/SMS services, thereby benefiting the public through the effective and efficient implementation of local number portability and pooling, Amendment No. 70 will now allow the telecommunications industry to proceed unimpeded in investigating and implementing porting and pooling solutions for the future at the lowest possible cost to the industry and, ultimately, to consumers, including multi-administrator solutions.

The co-chairs of the NAPM LLC stand ready to respond to any questions or to further explain the operation and terms of Amendment No. 70.
Sincerely,

Melvin Clay  
Co-Chair  
North American Portability Management LLC

Timothy Decker  
Co-Chair  
North American Portability Management LLC