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From: Betty Ann Kane
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Re: Interim Report on Nationwide Number Portability

Date: February 15, 2016

Pursuant to the request of Matthew DelNero, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau in his letter to me letter dated November 16, 2015, I am providing you with a status report on the progress of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) in evaluating and developing recommended actions “to enable nationwide number portability through technical modifications to the Location Routing Number (LRN) system used to route wireless- and wireline- originated calls to ported numbers.”

The request for the NANC to evaluate and develop recommend actions in this matter was discussed by the full body at the NANC’s December 1, 2015 meeting. The NANC determined that the most effective and efficient means to provide the advice requested within the required time frame was to utilize the NANC’s existing working groups. Following and in accordance with that discussion, I assigned responsibility for the reviewing and making recommendations on the various issues that the FCC requested the NANC to address to three of the NANC Working Groups as noted:

1. Potential impacts to the life of the North American Numbering Plan was assigned to the Numbering Oversight Working Group (NOWG)
2. Numbering Resource Utilization and Forecasting form impacts was also assigned to the NOWG
3. Applicability and assessment of tolls, tariffs, and taxes was assigned to the Future of Numbering Working Group ((FON WG)
4. The role of state regulatory commissions (FON WG)
5. Costs, including cost recovery (FON WG)
6. Conforming edits to relevant federal rules (FON WG) and
7. How long the need for LRNs will continue to exist once VoIP interconnection is fully implemented, including an analysis of the role of LRNs for carriers that implement both

TDM and VoIP-based interconnection during the VoIP interconnection transition was assigned to the Local Number Portability Administration Working Group (LNPA WG)

These Working Groups began meeting in late December. In order to coordinate their work and to facilitate the exchange of views on cross-cutting issues, I also established a schedule of monthly conference calls with the Tri-Chairs and Co-Chairs of the FON, LNPA and NO Working Groups. The first call was held in early January. The next call was held on February 8.

During the February 8 coordinating conference call, all of the WG Tri-Chairs / Co-Chairs concurred that they will use a defined uniform term to best describe nationwide number portability (NNP). This will supplant references to non-geographic portability and similar terms. In addition, the WG Tri-Chairs / Co-Chairs concurred in the set of Assumptions that were developed by the FON WG (see attached FON WG Status Report).

I have attached a copy of the individual status reports from each WG. Please note that these reports convey progress in assessing issues and do not constitute final conclusions or recommendations of any WG or of the NANC. Also, note that the WGs are collaborating with the ATIS PTSC, INC and the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Numbering to gather information and to assist in their issue assessments.

The next monthly coordinating conference call with the WG Tri-Chairs/Co-Chairs will be on March 8.

The WG Tri-Chairs/Co-Chairs have been directed to prepare and present work status reports to the NANC membership at the March 24 Quarterly Meeting.

It is my intention to have a final report and recommendation to the Commission in May as requested.

If you have any questions regarding this Status Report please contact me or my Policy Advisor, Cary Hinton.

Also, please request Ms. Weathers to circulate a copy of this Status Report to the NANC members.