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The Honorable Travis Kavulla  
Commissioner,  
Montana Public Service Commission  
Chair, North American Numbering Council (NANC)  
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Re: Updates to the North American Numbering Council Working Groups Referrals

Dear Chairman Kavulla:

This letter provides updates to the North American Numbering Council Working Groups referrals dated December 7, 2017, which set forth specific directives to those groups to consider the issues set forth therein and to provide final reports to the Commission within four months.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, this letter provides updates to the deadlines for the Working Groups' reports and a clarification to the scope of the referral for the Call Authentication Trust Anchor (CATA) Issues Working Group.

*Extension of deadlines.* As you know, on February 5, 2018, the Commission announced the membership for the issue-specific Working Groups (WGs) of the North American Numbering Council (NANC).<sup>2</sup> In light of the delay in announcing the membership of the WGs, we extend the deadlines for the reports from the WGs as follows:

- For the CATA Issues Working Group, the final report is now due on Monday, May 7, 2018; and
- For the Nationwide Number Portability Issues and Toll Free Number Modernization Issues Working Groups, the final reports are now due on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Before the final reports are due, we direct the NANC to provide a progress report to the Bureau no later than Monday, April 9, 2018. The progress report should indicate whether the groups are on track to meet the extended deadlines and include any major issues that the groups have encountered in their deliberations. If you have questions about the extensions for the NANC reports, please contact Marilyn Jones, the NANC's Designated Federal Officer, by telephone at 418-2357, or by email at [marilyn.jones@fcc.gov](mailto:marilyn.jones@fcc.gov).

*Clarification to scope of CATA referral.* In our initial referral letter, we asked the NANC to, among other things, "define criteria by which a GA [governance authority] should be selected" and "Apply these criteria in evaluating the suitability of any entities proposing to serve as GA, including

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<sup>1</sup> See Letters from Kris Monteith, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, to Hon. Travis Kavulla, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission, Chair, North American Numbering Council (dated Dec. 7, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> FCC Announces North American Numbering Council Issue-Specific Working Groups Membership, CC Docket No. 92-237, Public Notice, DA 18-106 (Feb. 5, 2018).

ATIS, the Commission, or a working group of the NANC.” This letter clarifies that the latter request is asking the NANC to describe the evaluation process of applying the above-defined criteria, and not to select or recommend a suitable GA itself at this time. The NANC’s focus should therefore be on developing the criteria and how to apply them. As the NANC considers the appropriate criteria by which a GA should be chosen, it may take into account the existence of potential candidates, but it will not make recommendations on candidates. To the extent that the CATA Issues Working Group (and later the full NANC) may look at the characteristics of the three bodies mentioned in the letter in the process of developing suitable selection criteria, it should understand that these would not necessarily be the only possible candidates for the GA role. Likewise, while we look forward to the NANC’s recommendation on how a policy administrator should be selected, we are not asking for a recommendation on who should serve in that role.

We appreciate your efforts and look forward to your well-considered recommendations.

Sincerely,



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Chief  
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cc: NANC Working Group Chairs