



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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The Honorable Travis Kavulla
Commissioner
Montana Public Service Commission
Chairman, North American Numbering Council (NANC)
1701 Prospect Avenue
P.O. Box 2026-1
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Re: Nationwide Number Portability

Dear Chairman Kavulla:

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) would like to thank you, the NANC, and the Nationwide Number Portability (NNP) Issues Working Group for your recommendations of June 7. The excellent work of the NANC and the NNP Working Group has provided a vital and necessary step forward in bringing the benefits of NNP that much closer to reality.

We are interested in continuing progress towards NNP, and we are encouraged by the NANC's recommendations to investigate the technical requirements necessary to support NNP and to provide more detailed cost/benefit analyses of proposed lasting solutions. Thus, we direct the NANC to:

1. Provide an analysis of the technical requirements for adopting a Non-Geographic Local Routing Number (NGLRN) solution, including which entities will need to make changes if this solution is adopted.
2. Provide an analysis of the technical requirements for adopting a National Location Routing Number (NLRN) solution, including which entities will need to make changes if this solution is adopted.
3. Specify in detail the potential costs and benefits of the NLRN and NGLRN proposals, including which parties could bear which costs and reap which benefits; and
4. Recommend next steps the Commission and industry should take to achieve full nationwide number portability.

We further direct the NANC to provide to the Bureau an interim report of the Working Group's findings on these issues at the NANC's December 2018 meeting. The NANC should also vote on and transmit to the Bureau a final report of its findings at the NANC's first meeting of 2019, which will be held in the first quarter of the year. If you or any members of the NNP Issues Working Group or the NANC have questions about the Bureau's referral, please contact Marilyn Jones, the NANC's Designated Federal Officer, by telephone at (202) 418-2357, or by email at marilyn.jones@fcc.gov, or contact Sherwin Siy, Special Counsel, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2783 or sherwin.siy@fcc.gov. In the

meantime, thank you again for your ongoing work to encourage a competitive and efficient number portability system that benefits consumers and all providers.

Sincerely,



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