



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Robert C. Atkinson
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Dear Mr. Atkinson,

I would like to thank the North American Numbering Council (NANC) for its contributions to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) over the last year. The NANC's studies and reports regarding numbering issues have been invaluable to the Bureau and Commission.

Of particular note, I would like to thank the NANC for its work in developing the requirements document for the recent North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) procurement, which facilitated our successful completion of this procurement. I would also like to thank you for the NANC's work relating to Wireless-Wireline Local Numbering Portability, the annual comprehensive performance review of the NANPA, the NANP Expansion/Numbering Optimization study, and the study of the technical viability of increasing the contamination level in California. The NANC has also been a valuable resource in providing advice on such issues as grandfathered wireless NXX codes, the thousands-block number pooling change orders, and the pooling administration system.

Once again, I commend the NANC for these accomplishments and contributions to the FCC. The NANC is an asset to the Commission and its work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Maher, Jr.".

William F. Maher, Jr.
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau