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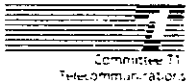
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William Caton
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: CC Docket 92-237: In the Matter of Administration of the North American Numbering Plan; Nominations to the North American Numbering Council Working Groups and Task Forces

Dear Mr. Caton:

On October 4, 1996, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") released a public notice in CC Docket No. 92-237: In the Matter of Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, requesting nominations to the North American Numbering Council ("NANC") Working Groups and Task Forces. The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") submits Susan M. Miller, ATIS Vice President and General Counsel and NANC Special Member, and John C. Manning, Director, Industry Forums, as her alternate, to the North American Numbering Plan ("NANP") Administration Working Group. In addition, ATIS recommends Ms. Miller, with assistance from Mr. Manning, serve as a co-leader of the NANP Administration Working Group. Finally, ATIS offers the assistance of Mr. George L. Edwards, ATIS President, for the Dispute Resolution Task Force, should this Task Force wish to learn about the experience of the ATIS industry committees with respect to dispute resolution.

ATIS is uniquely positioned to offer its services both as a leader of the NANP Administration Working Group and as active participant. ATIS has as its central mission to actively promote the timely resolution of national and international issues involving telecommunications standards and the development of operational guidelines. To accomplish this mission, ATIS sponsors a number of industry forums which address technical and/or operational issues concerning numbering, dialing and the planning and administration of the NANP. A significant role has been played by the Industry Numbering Committee ("INC"), a committee

residing under ATIS Carrier Liaison Committee ("CLC"). INC is the primary vehicle used by the industry to address and resolve issues by consensus associated with the planning, administration, allocation and assignment and use of numbering resources. This committee has developed numerous guidelines that assist the current NANP Administration and the industry with assignment and use of numbering resources. Numbering issues regarding toll free resources and abbreviated dialing have also been addressed by ATIS-sponsored committees.

As a special (non-voting) member of the NANC, ATIS is especially well-positioned to serve in a leadership capacity. The voting membership of the NANC have a vested interest in the ultimate determination of the NANP Administration as users of NANP resources. Such is not the case with ATIS. ATIS does not represent the parochial interests of its membership per se. As a sponsor of industry forums such as the CLC, Committee T1, the Information Industry Liaison Committee and the Network Reliability Steering Committee, ATIS's expertise is in providing a consensus resolution process and facilitating industry committees in reaching that consensus resolution. ATIS also has strong record in providing administrative support to active industry committees, experience which could assist this effort.

In this connection, ATIS' candidates on the NANP Administration Working Group are well qualified to serve in a leadership role. Ms. Miller and her alternate representative Mr. Manning have extensive experience in facilitating and moderating industry meetings. The specifics of their background are detailed below.

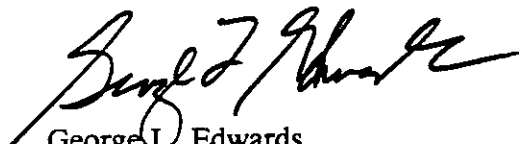
Ms. Miller has been the General Counsel of ATIS since 1988. She served as outside counsel for the organization from 1984-1988. Ms. Miller is well-positioned to serve in a leadership role as she has had the unique experience of advising often contentious industry committees while facilitating consensus resolution of their issues. She has worked closely with the ATIS INC and the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum ("ICCF"). Ms. Miller also has experience with federal advisory committees. She advises the Network Reliability Steering Committee which supported the activities of the FCC's Network Reliability Council, and now supports the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council ("NRIC"). In addition, she is a participant on the NRIC's Focus Group I. ATIS would support Ms. Miller serving as the leader of the NANP Administration Working Group.

Mr. Manning has been directly involved with number assignment and administration issues since 1987. Participating in a variety of industry fora addressing numbering matters over the past nine years, he also served as the first chair of the Industry Numbering Committee. Over this time frame, he has worked with the current North American Numbering Plan Administration and is very familiar with its responsibilities, functions and processes. His current responsibilities include the overall management and support of the ATIS Carrier Liaison Committee, of which the INC is a subtending committee, and other ATIS-sponsored committees. Finally, ATIS would support Mr. Manning activities in the NANP Administration Working Group.

Finally, as stated earlier, ATIS offers the assistance of Mr. George L. Edwards, ATIS President, as a participant on the Dispute Resolution Task Force. Mr. Edwards has been the President of ATIS since 1990. In this role, he has much experience with industry committees and in particular, could share the insights and experience of the ATIS committees with the dispute resolution processes. Should the Dispute Resolution Task Force find such information to be of assistance in its deliberations, Mr Edwards is prepared to participate.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George L. Edwards", written in a cursive style.

George L. Edwards
President

cc: International Transcription Services



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THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND SEEKS WORKING GROUP AND TASK FORCE PARTICIPANTS

(CC Docket No. 92-237)

I. Background

On October 1, 1996, the North American Numbering Council (NANC), a Federal Advisory Committee established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988) (FACA), held its initial meeting at the Federal Communications Commission (Commission). The NANC was established to advise the Commission and other North American Numbering Plan (NANP) member countries on issues related to NANP administration, and to advise the Commission on local number portability administration issues in the United States. Among other tasks, the NANC must recommend to the Commission a new neutral NANP Administrator and one or more neutral Local Number Portability Administrator(s) (LNPA(s)).

Several working groups and task forces will address specific tasks and issues regarding numbering administration and local number portability and report to the NANC. This Notice describes the tentative structure for these groups, identifies the tasks of the working groups and the task forces within those groups, and seeks nominations for participants with appropriate expertise to serve on them. As will be evident from the tasks and deadlines described below, participants in the working groups and task forces will be expected to be able to offer a substantial time commitment from the outset.

II. NANC Structure

The tasks and objectives of the working groups and task forces are described below. The NANC, by issuance of this Public Notice, seeks individuals with specialized expertise to serve on the North American

1. Cost Recovery Task Force

The NANP Administration Cost Recovery Task Force will report to the NANP Administration working group. This task force will assist the NANP Administration Working Group in formulating and making a recommendation to the NANC of a mechanism for recovering the costs of the administration of the NANP in the United States on a competitively neutral basis. It would be useful for participants to have one or more of the following: (1) a background in or knowledge of economics, accounting, or both; (2) familiarity with the pricing mechanisms in the telecommunications industry; and (3) familiarity with the operations of the current number administration system, including the functions of the current NANP Administrator and the Central Office Code Administrators.

2. Transition Planning Task Force for Current NANP Administration Functions

The Transition Planning Task Force for Current NANP Administration Functions will assist the NANP Administration Working Group in developing a plan to transfer to the new NANP Administrator number administration functions that are performed by the current NANP Administrator within ninety days of selection of the new Administrator. It would be useful for participants on this Task Force to be familiar with the operations of the current NANP Administrator.

3. Transition Planning Task Force for Central Office (CO) Code Administration Functions

The Transition Planning Task Force for CO Code Administration Functions will assist the NANP Administration Working Group in developing a plan for the transfer of CO Code administration functions from the incumbent local exchange carriers to the new, neutral NANP Administrator within eighteen months of the completion of the transfer of the current NANP Administrator's functions to the new Administrator. It would be useful for participants to have one or more of the following: (1) knowledge of the operations of the current CO code administrators; (2) knowledge in forecasting area code exhaust and planning for area code relief; and (3) familiarity with the operation of the current NANP Administrator.

C. Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA) Selection Working Group

The NANC must recommend to the Commission no later than May 1, 1997 one or more entities to serve as LNPA(s). The LNPA Working Group will develop and advise the NANC on an appropriate process for selecting an entity or entities to serve as LNPA(s), whether one or multiple LNPA(s) should be selected, whether the LNPA can be the same entity as the NANP

nominee:

(1) name, company affiliation, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and E-mail address, if available; (2) the working group(s) and/or task force(s) for which he or she is being nominated; and (3) a brief description of how the nominee's experience and skills would match the needs of the working group(s) and/or task force(s) he or she is being nominated to serve on.

Nominations for participation on any of the working groups or task forces must be made no later than **October 15, 1996**. Nominations should be sent by e-mail, if possible, to lsimms@fcc.gov. A written copy of any nominations must also be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and must reference CC Docket No. 92-237. Members selected will be notified and should expect initial working group meetings to occur no later than November 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Gordon, Designated Federal Official of the North American Numbering Council, (202) 418-2337 or Mary DeLuca, Alternate Designated Federal Official of the North American Numbering Council, (202) 418-2334. The address for both is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, D.C. 20054. The fax number for both is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number for both is: (202) 418-0484.