

**Alliance for Telecommunications  
Industry Solutions**

*Problem Solvers to the  
Telecommunications Industry*

1200 G Street, N.W.  
Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005

202-628-6380  
Fax: 202-393-5453  
www.atis.org

Chairman  
Terry J. Yake  
Sprint Corporation

First Vice Chairman  
Martin McCue  
Frontier Corporation

Second Vice Chairman  
Fred Fromm  
Siemens Stromberg-Carlson

Treasurer  
James M. Johnson  
Standard Telephone Co.

President  
George L. Edwards  
ATIS

Vice President & General Counsel  
Susan M. Miller  
ATIS

**COMMITTEES**



April 15, 1998

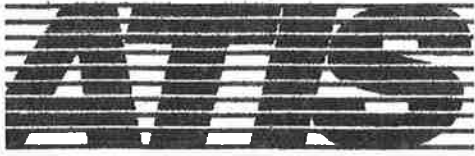
Mr. Alan Hasselwander  
Chairman - North American Numbering Council  
4140 Clover Street  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472-9323

Dear Alan:

This letter is in response to your April 8, 1998 invitation for ATIS staff members to participate in the North American Numbering Council's (NANC's) new Numbering Resource Optimization (NRO) Working Group. As has been the case with other NANC efforts, the ATIS staff and our forums and committees will continue to cooperate in support of the NANC and its new Working Group.

In continuing to cooperate with NANC, ATIS emphasizes that the success of its forums and committees is attributed, in large part, to their adherence to fundamental principles of openness and due process. These principles have allowed the ATIS committees to produce timely, quality, consensus-based guidelines, standards and recommendations for use by the telecommunications industry and regulatory agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and its federal advisory committees. The established processes and procedures of all of the ATIS committees provide a defined and common set of expectations for committee operations and activities. They also afford the committees the flexibility to react quickly to requests for prompt assistance and/or issue resolution. With established procedures that also afford flexibility, much can be accomplished in the ATIS committees without compromising the opportunities for industry experts to have their issues heard, addressed and resolved expeditiously in a fair, open environment.

We believe this has been the performance of ATIS committees in response to NANC to date, and we will continue this approach in providing assistance to the activities of your new Numbering Resource Optimization Working Group. Further, we maintain that



adherence to these principles and processes in providing future support to the NANC need not compromise the "rigorous schedule," "close coordination," or "quick response turnaround" that NANC seeks in its newest task.

To this end, and given, as your letter states, that NANC may need the assistance of a number of ATIS sponsored forums and committees, the most expedient approach is for all NANC requests that may require ATIS committee work be directed to John C. Manning (202-434-8842 or [jmanning@atis.org](mailto:jmanning@atis.org)). In this manner, we will facilitate the work efforts, including the necessary committee contacts and reports which NANC is likely to need in its new undertaking.

This approach will offer the most efficient and coordinated method to getting this important work completed quickly.

I appreciate NANC's recognition of ATIS' support of your efforts and look forward to our continued cooperative effort in addressing and resolving industry numbering issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Edwards", is written over a horizontal line.

George Edwards