

# **THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL**

## **Charter**

### **1. Advisory Committee's Official Designation**

The official designation of this advisory committee is the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).

### **2. Authority**

The NANC is hereby amended at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10.

### **3. Objectives and Scope of Activity**

The mission of the Council is to advise the Commission and to make recommendations that foster efficient and impartial North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues in areas of responsibility that the Commission has entrusted to the NANC, with a focus on examining numbering in the changing world of communications.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council will ensure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives:

- (1) Facilitating entry into the telecommunications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to telecommunications service providers;
- (2) Not unduly favoring or disfavoring any particular industry segment or group of consumers;
- (3) Not unduly favoring or disfavoring one technology over another;
- (4) Providing consumers with ready access to telecommunications networks; and
- (5) Ensuring that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across member countries.

### **4. Description of Duties**

In keeping with its solely advisory role, the duties of the Council will be to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the Commission related to the objectives stated under section (3) above and to perform those analyses that are necessary to respond to the questions or matters before it. Under the direction of the Chairman, the Designated Federal Officer, and appropriate staff of the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), the Council will provide oversight of matters relating to numbering administration, including the development of industry guidelines. To aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities, the Council will also prepare periodic and final reports for the Commission.

### **5. Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Committee's Advice/Recommendations**

The Council reports to the Chairman of the FCC through the Chief of the Bureau.

## **6. Support**

The Commission will provide the facilities and staff support necessary to conduct meetings of the Council. Non-federal-government members of the Council will serve without any government compensation and will not be entitled to travel expenses or *per diem* subsistence allowances.

## **7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years**

The estimated Commission staff dedicated to the Council is the equivalent of 1.75 full time employees. The estimated annual operating costs to the Commission of operating the Committee is \$258,000.

## **8. Designated Federal Officer (DFO)**

Full-time or permanent part-time employees, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission, will serve as the DFO and Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO). The DFO and DDFO must:

- A. Ensure that the committee complies with the FACA, FACA Final Rule, FCC's administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
- B. Approve or call all meetings of the advisory committee or subcommittees;
- C. Approve all meeting agendas;
- D. Attend advisory committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
- E. Fulfill the requirements under 5 U.S.C. 1009(b);
- F. Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest;
- G. Chair meetings when directed to do so by the agency head;
- H. Maintain information on committee activities and provide such information to the public as applicable; and
- I. Ensure advisory committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the Act and FACA Final Rule.

## **9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**

The Council will meet approximately two (2) times per year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

## **10. Duration**

The Commission will review the accomplishments and activities of the Council to determine if, after two years, this charter should be renewed and whether the Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.

## **11. Termination**

Unless renewed by appropriate action, this Council will terminate two (2) years from the Filing Date of this charter.

## **12. Membership and Designation**

The Council consists of approximately 35 members appointed as representatives of the telecommunications industry, or as representatives of consumers of telecommunications or other

stakeholders. As appropriate, members may also be appointed for their individual expertise as “Special Government Employees.”

Members of the Council are appointed by the Chairman of the Commission in consultation with appropriate Bureau staff. Members are selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the Council. Members represent various sectors of the telecommunications industry, as well as state, local and Tribal government regulators and telecommunications officials, and consumer and community organizations. Industry representatives are selected from the following: wireline and wireless telecommunications service providers of all sizes, including small and mid-size providers; interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol and other IP-enabled service providers; cable service providers; independent network builders and networking equipment installers; other entities involved in deploying broadband; industry trade associations and standards bodies; telecommunications equipment manufacturers; and other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant experience.

Membership details are included in the Council’s Membership Balance Plan.

### **13. Subcommittees**

The FCC Chairman may create subcommittees and appoint subcommittee members. Subcommittee appointments may include members of the Council and may also include members who are not members of the Council and who are appointed to serve on the subcommittee in a representative capacity as Representative members, as Special Government Employees, or as Regular Government Employees from federal agencies (including ex officio appointments). It is further anticipated that the work of subcommittees will be conducted primarily through videoconferencing, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence. Subcommittee recommendations must be reported to the Council as a whole and may not be treated as recommendations of the Council unless, and until, ratified by the full Council (either as proposed or with modifications). Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Commission or any other Federal officer.

### **14. Recordkeeping**

The records of the Council and its subcommittees shall be handled in accordance with the General Records Schedule 6.2, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

### **15. Filing Date**

September 8, 2023

Amendment Date: February 12, 2025