



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 25, 2022

The Honorable Karen Charles Peterson
Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
Chairwoman, North American Numbering Council
1000 Washington Street, Suite 600
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

Re: Numbering Administration Oversight Working Group

Dear Chairwoman Charles Peterson:

As part of its responsibilities, the North American Numbering Council (NANC), through its Numbering Administration Oversight Working Group (NAOWG), oversees the activities and reviews the performance of the Billing and Collection Agent (B&C Agent),¹ as well as oversees and reviews the two numbering administrators with which the B&C Agent interacts in performing its functions – the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and the Reassigned Numbers Database Administrator. The NAOWG also utilizes the work products of the B&C Agent to monitor the funding of the NANPA and to recommend to the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) the annual contribution factor for the North American Numbering Plan fund.²

The present B&C Agent contract expires on April 30, 2023 (once the final one-year option is exercised). Prior to expiration, the Commission plans to conduct a competitive procurement for a new contract to succeed the present one. As the Commission prepares to initiate that procurement, the Bureau seeks the expertise and advice of the NANC to review the *Statement of Work & Billing and Collection Agent Requirements* document of the present contract, which embodies the B&C Agent's required functions and operations.

We therefore direct the NANC, through the NAOWG, to recommend any updates and other revisions of the *Statement of Work & Billing and Collection Agent Requirements* that may be necessary or advisable for the new contract. The recommendations should be submitted to the Bureau no later than June 17, 2022.

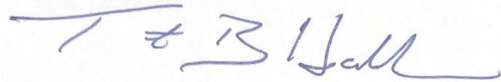
If you have questions about this referral, please contact Christi Shewman, the NANC's Designated Federal Officer, at christi.shewman@fcc.gov. We appreciate the NANC's long-standing role overseeing the B&C Agent and the numbering administrators, aiding the

¹ See 47 CFR §§ 52.7(f), 52.16.

² See 47 CFR § 52.17(a). The NAOWG also monitors, and receives monthly reports from the B&C Agent on, the B&C Agent's administration of the Reassigned Numbers Database creation costs fund. See *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls*, CG Docket No. 17-59, Second Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 12024, 12041, paras. 47-49 (2018).

Commission in its efforts to optimize management and use of the finite telephone numbering resources in the North American Numbering Plan in a manner most beneficial to the people served by it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T B Harkrader". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Trent B. Harkrader
Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC