

May 24, 2000

Mr. Larry Strickling
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Larry:

As you know, by cover letter dated January 10, 2000, the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) forwarded to the FCC and other regulators the "INC Interim NANP Expansion Report." That letter explained that INC has studied many options to expand the North American Numbering Plan (NANP), but has reached a point in its deliberations at which confirmation of at least two assumptions is necessary. Those assumptions are that (1) the INC Uniform Dialing Plan (UDP) will be approved and implemented prior to NANP Expansion, and (2) the release of the D-digit will not occur prior to NANP Expansion. The letter asks the regulators to confirm these assumptions.

In order to assist the FCC in responding to this letter, the NANC formed an Issue Management Group (IMG) to research and analyze the assumptions. The IMG's report was presented to and adopted by the NANC at its May 23-24 meeting. A copy of that report is transmitted to you herewith. The report thoroughly describes the assumptions, identifies the pros and cons of each, and makes recommendations for the consideration of the FCC.

If the NANC can be of any further service in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John R. Hoffman
NANC Chair

Attachment

cc: Yog Varma, Cheryl Callahan, Jeannie Grimes
NANC Members