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The Honorable William E. Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

This letter is to request that a portion of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) meeting, to be held on Wednesday, July 21, 1999, be closed to non-NANC members and non-FCC employees. During this period of the meeting the NANC intends to review confidential commercial and financial information supplied by the Communications Industry Services (CIS) Unit of Lockheed Martin in its proposal to administer 1000 block number pooling. The NANC must review this information to reach an informed decision about the proposal and whether or not it wants to recommend a competitive bid process for the pooling administration function. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1998) (FACA), under which the NANC was established, requires that federal advisory committee meetings be open to the public. See FACA Section 10 (a) (1). FACA allows, however, all or part of certain meetings be closed to the public in accordance with the Government in Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552b (GISA). See FACA section 10 (d).

GISA permits closure of meetings otherwise required to be open to the public if the agency properly determines that, at the meeting, it is likely that there will be "disclosure of trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential." See GISA Section 552b (c)(4). The material that the NANC will review at its July 21 meeting is likely to contain such information.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, North American Numbering Council

cc: FCC Office of General Counsel, Lawrence E. Strickling, Diane Harmon