

**North American Numbering Council
Meeting Minutes - Conference Call
May 8, 1998**

I. Time, Date and Place of Meeting: The North American Numbering Council met by conference bridge provided by Frontier Communications from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

II. List of Attendees:

A. Council Members

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1. Cronan O'Connell	ALTS
2. Woody Kerkeslager	AT&T
3. Dan Hochvert	Bell Atlantic
4. Brian Fontes	CTIA
1. Ronald Binz	Competition Policy Institute (CPI)
6. Alan Hasselwander	Frontier
1. Bernie Harris	GTE
8. Peter Guggina	MCI
9. Gerry Thompson	Mobility Canada
10. Jo Anne Sanford	NARUC
11. Vincent Majkowski	NARUC
12. Beth O'Donnell	NCTA
13. Larry Krevor	Nextel Communications, Inc.
14. Ray Strassburger	Nortel
15. Anna Miller	Omnipoint
16. Trent Boaldin	OPASTCO
17. Mark Golden	PCIA
18. Mike Bennett	SBC
19. Loren Sprouse	Sprint
20. Diane Little	Sprint Spectrum PCS
21. Jacques Sarrazin	Stentor Resource Centre, Inc.
22. Ken Shulman	Teleport
23. Dan Bart	TIA
24. Paul Hart	USTA

Special Non-Voting Members:

John Manning	ATIS
Leo Mevel	CRTC Industry Canada

B. Commission Employees
Erin Duffy, Alternate DFO

Gayle Radley Teicher, Network Service Division, CCB

III. Estimated Public Attendance: Approximately 12 members of the public attended the meeting as observers.

IV. Documents Introduced:

- (1) Local Number Portability Administration Working Group Report and Recommendation on Wireline Wireless Integration, Draft
- (2) Cost Recovery Working Group Cost Allocation Report

V. Summary of the Meeting:

A. Welcoming Remarks. Chairman Alan Hasselwander provided welcoming remarks.

B. LNPA Working Group Wireline Wireless Integration Draft Report. NANC members received an advance copy of the revised report for review prior to the conference call. The primary focus of the conference call was to review the open issues identified in the last LNPA WG report to the NANC. The final report is due to the Commission by May 18, 1998. The specific open issues and proposals for suggested modifications were discussed as follows:

Section 3.3 Provisioning. Existing wireline inter-service LNP operation flows do not meet the needs of the wireless service providers.

Section 3.3.2.1. Addresses the local service request (LSR) process. Feasibility Study: The WWITF has recommended a feasibility/cost study on the NPAC/SMS changes and wireless SOA interface changes required for elimination of the LSR process for wireless. The wireless industry will use the existing LSR process until the associated NPAC/SMS changes can be delivered.

Section 3.3.3.3. The four day porting interval for wireline service providers does not accommodate existing wireless business practices and was determined by wireless providers to be anticompetitive. Wireless carriers are concerned that not having the provisioning recommendation until June 30, 1999, the day wireless porting is scheduled to start, is not practical. The proposed language will allow time to do a fact-based analysis of wireline to wireless porting and determine what steps can be eliminated.

Proposal: There was a proposal that the NANC accept the bolded language in the draft report, at sections 3.3.3.3 through 3.3.3.5, which addresses the study of reduction of porting intervals for wireline to wireless ports. The bolded language indicated that the WWITF/LNPA Working Group will make a recommendation to the NANC by Dec. 31, 1998.

There was discussion about the proposal, and concerns were raised regarding how differences in carriers' systems would be accommodated. Chairman Hasselwander stated that the NANC will make its best effort to report the facts and make a fair and equitable recommendation based on those facts. The decisional process represents everybody and minority opinions will be expressed. A concern that the report does not address disparate porting intervals was raised. Chairman Hasselwander stated that NANC would monitor the progress of the WWITF and manage the process as it goes forward and will not prejudge the outcome at this time.

The question was called whether to accept the modifications in sections 3.3.3.3 through 3.3.3.5. The Council reached consensus to accept the additional, bolded language. Objections by

GTE, OPASTCO, SBC and USTA, were noted with respect to the time frame for the final report, but not with the overall integration effort.

Nation Wide Roaming. Anne Cummins stated that The First Report and Order requires support of nation wide roaming in the top 100 MSAs for local number portability. Section 4.1.1 discusses the Mobile Identification Number separation into a Mobile Directory Number (MDN) and Mobile Station Identifier (MSID) that identifies the physical mobile station. There was concern expressed that small wireless carriers that are MIN based do not know they have to have a MDN in order for nation wide roaming to work. It is important to educate all carriers on this issue. CTIA and PCIA cannot cover the entire country. There was a suggestion that NANC recommend to the Commission that it require MIN-based wireless providers support MIN/MDN separation at the launch of wireless portability. Woody Kerkeslager, AT&T asked what choice the small wireless carriers would have but to make the change. Diane Little, Sprint PCS stated that the alternative would be the dissolution of roaming agreements with small carriers. There was an objection to requiring small carriers to do things they might not want to do.

It was agreed that the LNPAWG would provide language for a statement, to be attached to the NANC transmittal letter, entitled "Support for Nation Wide Roaming." The statement will seek FCC clarification on the statement in First Report and Order, ¶ 127 which states ". . . including the ability to support roaming, by June 30, 1999 . . ." for wireless carriers not involved in service provider portability but involved in nation wide roaming. It is anticipated that the FCC's clarification on this matter will more fully communicate the intended impact on those CMRS providers involved in nation wide roaming but not involved in number portability.

Section 7. LNPAWG Issues and Summary of Recommendations. Under recommendation section 7.1.1, the Council agreed to a modification of language to state that the ". . . wireless industry will complete a feasibility study to replace or modify the LSR process for wireless to wireless porting." The Council added a reference back to sections 3.3.3.2, 3.3.2.2, and 6.7 to 6.9.

Section 7.2, Open Issues. Open issues include the following: LNP impacts on resellers; nation wide roaming by MIN-based wireless systems; porting between wireline and wireless carriers and associated rate center matters, and alternative solutions to delivery of short message service in an LNP environment which are currently being evaluated in ANSI accredited standards groups.

C. Cost Recovery Working Group. Anne La Lena provided a report to the Council in response to a request from NANC to the Cost Recovery Working Group to examine cost allocation issues concerning pending changes to the NPAC to accommodate local number portability implementation by the industry. She reported that the Cost Recovery Working Group had determined that changes to the NPAC are Type I, shared NPAC costs, and therefore should be assessed in accordance with the FCC's final allocation formula for shared NPAC costs. However, Anne stated, if the feasibility study for elimination of the LSR process results in changes to carrier specific systems, it would not be appropriate to consider those costs as Type 1, shared NPAC allocation costs. Anne stated that the Cost Recovery Working Group is awaiting the FCC's Order on cost recovery and allocation.

D. Other Business. None.

VI. Statement of Action Items and Decisions Reached:

1. NANC approved the WWITF report and recommendation, with the changes discussed during the meeting. A transmittal letter will be prepared with attachment describing the nation wide roaming issue and the request for FCC clarification.