

Mr. Larry Strickling  
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Strickling:

During 1998, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) developed requirements for the proposed Thousand Block Pooling Administrator and conveyed a draft of the requirements document to the Commission as part of NANC's NRO Report in October 1998. Subsequently, the NANC worked closely with the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) to develop a set of uniform national guidelines for the pooling administrator position. Following this, NANC endorsed the guidelines.

On January 20, 2000, the State Coordination Group filed an *ex parte* communication with the Commission in CC Docket No. 99-200 recommending certain modifications to the guidelines for the pooling administrator. The NANC Chair asked NANC's Pooling Administration Issue Management Group to prepare a response to this *ex parte* communication and NANC discussed the issue at its February 2000 meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to provide this background and inform you that the NANC has not developed a consensus response to the *ex parte* communication. Due to the limited amount of time before the Commission is expected to issue an order in CC Docket No. 99-200, we do not anticipate providing a response prior to the order.

In view of these developments, NANC has determined the following:

- NANC has not modified its position on the pooling administrator guidelines;
- NANC will continue to discuss the issues raised in the *ex parte* filing and report future consensus positions to the Commission;
- NANC encourages state and consumer interests on NANC to present these proposed modifications of the guidelines at future INC meetings; some industry members on NANC offered to assist state and consumer interests with the process.

Sincerely,

John R. Hoffman  
NANC Chair