

CHARTER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

1. The Committee's Official Designation

The official designation of this advisory committee will be the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).

2. Authority

The NANC is hereby renewed at the direction of the Chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.

3. The Committee's Objectives and Scope of its Activity

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Commission and to make recommendations that foster efficient and impartial North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues in areas of responsibility that the Commission has entrusted to the NANC, with a focus on examining numbering in the changing world of communications.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council will ensure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives:

- (1) Facilitating entry into the telecommunications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to telecommunications service providers;
- (2) Not unduly favoring or disfavoring any particular industry segment or group of consumers;
- (3) Not unduly favoring or disfavoring one technology over another;
- (4) Providing consumers with ready access to telecommunications networks; and
- (5) Ensuring that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across member countries.

4. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible

The general duties of the Council are to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the Commission related to the objectives stated under section (3) above. Under the direction of the Chairwoman, the Designated Federal Officer, and appropriate staff of the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), the Council will provide oversight of matters relating to numbering administration, including the development of industry guidelines. To aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities, the Council will also prepare periodic and final reports for the Commission. The Council serves the Commission in an advisory capacity only.

5. Official to Whom the Council Reports

The Council reports to the Chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission through the Chief of the Bureau.

6. Support

The Commission will provide the facilities and staff support necessary to conduct meetings of the Council. Non-federal-government members of the Council will serve without any government compensation and will not be entitled to travel expenses or *per diem* subsistence allowances.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years

The estimated Commission staff dedicated to the Council is the equivalent of 1.75 full time employees. The estimated annual cost to the Commission of operating the Committee is \$258,000.

8. Designated Federal Officer

A full-time or permanent part-time employee, appointed by the Chairwoman of the Commission, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call all of the advisory committee's meetings (as well as the meetings of any subcommittees), prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend advisory committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Chairwoman of the Commission or the Chief of the Bureau.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Council Meetings

There will be approximately two (2) Council meetings per year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Meetings of the Council will be open to the public and timely notice of each meeting will be published in the Federal Register and further publicized through other appropriate vehicles.

10. Duration

The term of this Council is two years, and the Commission may seek its renewal. The Chairwoman will review the accomplishments and activities of the Council with the Chief and appropriate staff of the Bureau to determine whether, after two years, this charter should again be renewed and the Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.

11. Termination

Unless renewed by appropriate action, this Council will terminate two years from the Filing Date of this charter.

12. Membership and Designation

Members of the Council are appointed by the Chairwoman of the Commission in consultation with appropriate Bureau staff. Members are selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the Council. Members represent various sectors of the telecommunications industry, as well as state, local and Tribal government regulators and telecommunications officials, and consumer and community organizations. Industry representatives are selected from the following: wireline and wireless telecommunications service providers of all sizes, including small and mid-size providers; interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol and other IP-enabled service providers; cable service providers; independent network builders and networking equipment installers; other entities involved in deploying broadband; industry trade associations and standards bodies;

telecommunications equipment manufacturers; and other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant experience.

The Council consists of approximately 35 members appointed as representatives of the telecommunications industry, or as representatives of consumers of telecommunications or other stakeholders. As appropriate, members may also be appointed for their individual expertise as “Special Government Employees.”

Consistent with Executive Order 14035 (June 25, 2021) and other governing law, the Commission values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on its federal advisory committees. The Commission’s federal advisory committees strive for a membership that reflects the diversity of the American people.

13. Subcommittees

The Council, with agency approval or at agency direction, may work through informal subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Council, which will report their activities and recommendations to the Council as a whole. Only those recommendations that are ratified by the Council as a whole (with or without modifications) may be reported to and officially filed with the Chairwoman of the Commission or the Chief of the Bureau.

14. Recordkeeping

The Council will keep records of its proceedings, as required by applicable laws and regulations. The Council will also handle all its records, and any records of formally and informally established subcommittees or other subgroups of the Council, in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records are available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. Filing Date

September 8, 2023