



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Mr. Robert C. Atkinson
Chair, North American Numbering Council
c/o Columbia Institute for Tele-Information
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Re: North American Numbering Council Change Order 399

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 5, 2005. As you are aware, earlier this year, the Commission directed the North American Portability Management LLC to hold in abeyance two proposed changes to the software utilized by the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) until it had an opportunity to consider the implications of the proposed changes. To assist the Commission in this consideration, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) submitted an extensive report to the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) identifying and analyzing the policy, regulatory and consumer issues associated with the proposed changes. We are grateful to you and the NANC for all of your work on this matter, which was instrumental in our review.

The Bureau has reviewed the NANC's report and authorizes the NANC to proceed with its plans to have Change Order 399 included in the next NPAC software release. Specifically, we approve Change Order 399's proposal to add two data fields to each ported and pooled telephone number record. We agree that this does not have any policy, regulatory, or consumer impact on numbering issues, but allows the NPAC to function more efficiently. We are encouraged by the fact that the NANC reached a consensus on Change Order 399 and there is strong industry support for this change to the NPAC database. We emphasize that the Bureau's approval of Change Order 399 in no way predetermines the issue of access to numbering resources directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or the Pooling Administrator by IP-enabled service providers.

I once again thank the NANC for all the hard work it put into this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Navin", written over the typed name and title.

Thomas J. Navin
Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau