

Resolution In Support of Extending the Charter of the North American Numbering Council (NANC)

WHEREAS, By the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) July 13, 1995 order in CC Docket No. 92-237, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) was created as a policy maker and initial contact to resolve disputes relating to the administration of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP); and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the NANC is to provide the FCC advice and recommendations to foster efficient and impartial number administration as telecommunications competition evolves; and

WHEREAS, The NANC is also responsible for the development of recommendations on numbering policy issues, providing oversight guidance to the NANP Administrator (NANPA) and Local Number Portability Administrator(s) to ensure fair and equitable access to numbering resources, and facilitating number conservation including identification of technical solutions to forestall numbering exhaust; and

WHEREAS, The NANC is currently composed of members representing all segments of the telecommunications industry including local exchange carriers, interexchange carriers, wireless service providers, competitive access providers, other interested parties within the United States and from other NANP member countries, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA),

telecommunications users and other consumer groups; and

WHEREAS, The original charter of the NANC was filed on October 5, 1995, establishing an initial two-year term; and

WHEREAS, The NANC charter has been amended twice since October 1995 by the General Services Administration (GSA), extending the charter for an additional two years each time; and

WHEREAS, The current NANC charter is set to expire on October 4, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Since its original charter was renewed, the NANC has provided the FCC with critically important recommendations regarding numbering issues; and

WHEREAS, The NANC is currently considering and formulating recommendations on other important numbering-related issues that will require work well beyond October 4, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The value of the NANC to the FCC, the telecommunications industry, state commissions and the public cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Telephone numbers are the means by which businesses and consumers gain access to, and obtain the benefits of the public switched network; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the NANC has made several recommendations, which when adopted by the FCC, have achieved numerous successes in resolving numbering issues, have facilitated an equitable and efficient administration of numbering resources in North America, and will ensure that

these resources are available to all telecommunications service providers, consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; now therefore be it

WHEREAS, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its July 2001 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, supports the extension of the NANC charter for an additional two-year period; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FCC recommend and the GSA extend the NANC charter for an additional two years.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 18, 2001.