

TC-1 Resolution on Telephone Number Conservation White Paper

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has delegated many telephone numbering administration activities to state public utility commissions (state commissions);

Whereas in using this delegated authority, state commissions have identified numerous problems with the current numbering administration and have identified potential solutions to those problems;

Whereas members of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications developed a white paper, *Perspectives and Recommendations on How Telephone Number Conservation Can be Enhanced to Extend the Life of the NANP and Reduce Illegal Robocalling Activity* (Numbering White Paper), discussing identified problems and potential solutions;

Whereas the Numbering White Paper promotes collaborative approaches to resolve modern numbering resource administration challenges through continued dialogue with state commissions, industry, other stakeholders, and the FCC; *and*

Whereas the Numbering White Paper recommends that the FCC:

- Provide clarity, guidance, and support to the state commissions in the management of numbering resources;
- Strengthen existing rules and regulations that place strict limits on new requests for numbering resources by SPs that have not complied with numbering rules;
- Prohibit the sale of numbering resources;
- Use the FCC's audit authority over number resources to actively review regulatory filings;
- Revisit past rulings regarding exceptions to requirements on returning unused number blocks for paging companies and encourage the return of these unused numbers; and
- Provide more transparency, increased clarity, and greater assistance to state commissions in the reclamation of numbering resources; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners, convened at its 2026 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., adopts the [attached Perspectives and Recommendations on How Telephone Number Conservation Can be Enhanced to Extend the Life of the NANP and Reduce Illegal Robocalling Activity White Paper](#); *and be it further*

Resolved that NARUC present the Numbering White Paper to the FCC to seek support of the Numbering White Paper's recommendations.

Passed by the Committee on Telecommunications on February 9, 2026.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February 11, 2026.