December 7, 1998

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Chief, Common Carrier Bureau Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Strickling:

In Paragraph 58 of the Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order on Reconsideration, *In the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited Action on the July 15,1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215, and 717*, NSD File No. L-97-42, September 28, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) asked the North American Numbering Council (NANC) for a recommendation on the question of whether state commissions or the North American Numbering Administrator (NANPA) should evaluate a claim by a carrier that is subject to a NXX code rationing plan (either ordered by the state commission or agreed upon by the industry) that it has no numbers or is having to rely on extraordinary or costly measures to obtain numbers to provide service and should receive numbering resources outside the parameters of the rationing plan.

The NANC considered this issue at its November 1998 meeting, after having received contributions concerning this question from a number of its members. NANC was unable to reach consensus; fifteen members favored NANPA, seven favored the state commissions and one member abstained. Enclosed with this letter is a tally of the vote by organization.

I have also enclosed a copy of a summary of the contributions on this matter made by NANC members.

Sincerely,

Alan C. Hasselwander Chairman, North American Numbering Council

cc: Anna Gomez, Yog Varma, Kris Monteith, Jeannie Grimes, Jared Carlson, Ron Binz