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**WIRELINER COMPETITION BUREAU INVITES INTERESTED
PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS
THE FUTURE OF NUMBERING: WILL NEW TECHNOLOGIES,
INNOVATIONS AND SERVICES AFFECT NUMBERING
ADMINISTRATION AND OPTIMIZATION?**

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Beginning in 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) implemented policies that changed the landscape of numbering use and assignment to reflect, in part, the needs of competitive local markets. Working collaboratively with industry groups, state commissions, and the North American Numbering Council (NANC), the Commission's advisory committee on numbering issues, the Commission has made significant changes in the manner in which numbering resources are assigned and used. By working with state commissions and the telecommunications industry, the Commission has been able to refine its numbering administration policies and processes, resulting in a substantial increase in the estimated life of the North American Numbering Plan.

Since adoption of various numbering resource optimization measures, new services and technologies have developed that use numbering resources. In light of these developments, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) will hold a symposium on "The Future of Numbering," on **Thursday, November 4, 2004, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** The symposium will explore the impact of new technologies, innovations and services on the Commission's numbering resource optimization goals. This symposium will also enable the Bureau to receive input from interested parties and industry experts on the numbering resource optimization issues facing providers of new and emerging technologies and services. It will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

The Bureau invites parties interested in participating in the symposium to contact Sanford Williams, Sheryl Todd, or Antoinette Stevens at the phone numbers or email

addresses below. Interested participants should submit written presentations and a biographical sketch by October 22, 2004. A copy of the proposed agenda is attached to this Public Notice.

Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Sheryl Todd ten working days in advance of the symposium. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.

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WIRELINER COMPETITION BUREAU HOSTS SYMPOSIUM

The Future of Numbering: *Will New Technologies, Innovations and Services Affect Numbering Administration and Optimization?*

Thursday, November 4, 2004, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Proposed Agenda

1. **Status of Current North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Resources:** Current number assignment policies and procedures.
 - Who gets numbers? How? In what quantities? (NANPA)
2. **Forecast of NANP Exhaust (NANPA)**
 - What is the likelihood of NANP exhaust in the foreseeable future?
3. **Are there new sources of numbers or potential substitutes for NANP numbers (e.g., ENUM)?**
 - Can they be used to provide new services and deploy new technologies?
4. **New technologies and services that may require numbering resources:** What are they? How are they provisioned?
 - Discussion of how new technologies and services might use NANP resources.
 - What services and technologies are known to be under development today that might impact numbering administration?
5. **Numbering resource optimization, new numbers and new uses of numbers:** Making them work together.
 - Is there a “problem” that requires state, federal, or NANC attention?
 - Are any changes in numbering administration policies, practices or procedures required to accommodate reasonably foreseeable changes in the demand for numbers?
6. **Next steps.**