

**North American Numbering Council
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2004 (Final)**

I. Time and Place of Meeting. The North American Numbering Council held a meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-C305, Washington, D. C.

II. List of Attendees.

Voting Council Members:

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| 1. Robert Atkinson | Chairman |
| 2. Teresa Gaugler | ALTS |
| 3. Paul LaGattuta | AT&T |
| 4. Randy Sanders | BellSouth |
| 5. Michael Altschul | CTIA |
| 6. Stephen Trotman | CompTel/ASCENT Alliance |
| 7. Karen Mulberry | MCI |
| 8. Helen Mickiewicz | NARUC - California |
| 9. Hon. Jack Goldberg | NARUC, Connecticut |
| 10. Randolph Thoesen | NARUC – Iowa |
| 11. Hon. Anne C. Boyle | NARUC - Nebraska |
| 12. Christine Sealock Kelly | NARUC – New York |
| 13. Philip McClelland | NASUCA - Pennsylvania |
| 14. Beth O'Donnell | NCTA |
| 15. Rosemary Emmer | Nextel |
| 16. David Bench | Nortel Networks |
| 17. Mark Welch | SBC Communications, Inc. |
| 18. Hoke Knox | Sprint |
| 19. Anna Miller | T-Mobile USA, Inc. |
| 20. Thomas Soroka, Jr. | USTA |
| 21. Michael O'Connor | Verizon |

Special Members (Non-voting):

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| John Manning | NANPA |
| Jean-Paul Emard | ATIS |
| Amy Putnam | PA |

Commission Employees:

Sanford Williams, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
Deborah Blue, Special Assistant to the DFO
Eric Einhorn, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Cheryl Callahan, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

Pam Slipakoff, Assistant DFO, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

III. Estimate of Public Attendance. Approximately 33 members of the public attended the meeting as observers.

IV. Documents Introduced.

- (1) Agenda
- (2) NANC Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2003
- (3) NANC Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2004
- (4) NANPA Fund Performance Status Report & Funds Projection
- (5) Inclusion of the NANPA Fund as US Federal Funds in FCC Financial Statements
- (6) Bell Canada Comments on NBANC Contribution to NANC
- (7) NANPA Report to the NANC
- (8) NPA Relief Activity Status Report
- (9) National Thousands Block Number Pooling Services Report
- (10) INC Report to the NANC
- (11) Impact of a 25% Number Pooling Contamination Threshold Report to the NANC
- (12) Report on the Impact of a 25% Number Pooling Contamination Threshold
- (13) Intermodal Porting Intervals IMG Report to the NANC
- (14) Letter dated January 15, 2004 from Chairman Atkinson to the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, regarding Inter-Modal Porting Interval
- (15) LNPA Working Group Status Report to the NANC
- (16) Wireless Number Portability Operations Status Report to the NANC
- (17) Numbering Oversight Working Group (NOWG) Report
- (18) List of NANC Accomplishments (January 2002 – Present)

V. Summary of the Meeting.

Announcements and Recent News. Chairman Atkinson informed the NANC members that they will be receiving an email from the General Accounting Office (GAO) advising that the GAO survey will be available on the internet on or around March 22, 2004. He stated that they will have two weeks to access and complete the survey on the website. The primary NANC members and the alternate members should fill out the survey.

Chairman Atkinson announced the appointment of Rosemary Emmer as the primary NANC member for Nextel.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes. The November 5, 2003 and January 13, 2004 NANC Meeting Minutes were approved.

B. North American Billing and Collection (NBANC) Report. John Ricker, NBANC, provided the report to the Council. Mr. Ricker reported that as of February 29, 2004, the current fund balance is \$8.1 Million which includes a \$1 Million contingency. For the balance of the current funding year, NBANC is expecting approximately \$0.5 Million more in monthly contributions. NBANC is anticipating that no more payments

will be made to the NANPA this funding year, because the next payment for the new NANPA contract will be made in July 2004. Mr. Ricker reported that \$1.9 Million remains in the current funding year for payments to NeuStar for Thousands Block Pooling. He further reported that \$0.5 Million remains in the 2002-2003 funding year for payments to NeuStar for miscellaneous items. NBANC is anticipating approximately \$700 Thousand in payments for carrier auditors. There is \$358 Thousand remaining for payments for NeuStar's NRUF equitable adjustment requests; approximately \$200 Thousand remaining for payments to Mitre Corporation; and, approximately \$130 Thousand remaining for additional payments to NBANC, its Board of Directors, and its Auditors. NBANC anticipates having a balance of approximately \$4.7 Million at the end of the funding period.

Mr. Ricker stated that he is going to recommend to the NBANC Board of Directors that 40% of the surplus be applied to the next funding year in order to keep the contribution factor at its current level.

Presentation of Report on Inclusion of the NANPA Fund on FCC Financial Statements. Mary Retka, Chairperson, NBANC Board of Directors, presented the report to the Council. Ms. Retka thanked Chairman Atkinson and the NANC members for allowing the NBANC Board of Directors to address such an important issue with the NANC. She further thanked the members of the NBANC Board of Directors for their support.

Ms. Retka reported that for 2002 and 2003, the NANPA fund was included on the FCC financial statements as U.S. Federal funds with no formal notice or Order. In the FCC's January 2004 NANPA Billing and Collection Agent solicitation, inclusion of the fund is stated as fact. Ms. Retka reviewed a timeline on the issue:

- March 2002 - The FCC first advised the NBANC of the possibility of the NANPA Fund being included on the FCC financial statements for 2002.
- May 2002 – Representatives of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA), NBANC's parent organization, and Reed Smith LLP met several times in May with staff of the Commission's Managing Director's Office (OMD) to discuss this issue.
- June 2002 – At the staff's request, NECA and Reed Smith provided the Commission with an extensive legal memorandum, which claimed that relevant federal accounting standards and legal principles do not support inclusion of NANPA funds in the FCC's financial statements.
- October 2002 – The FCC's CFO advised NBANC that the FCC had made a final determination that NANPA was a program that should be accounted for on its financial statements. NBANC was directed to provide the FCC with certain financial information for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.
- Dialogue on this issue continued between the two groups.
- June 2003 – NBANC submitted an updated version of the analysis developed the previous year, suggesting that the Commission again consider the arguments presented and refrain from including the NANPA funds on its 2003 financial statements.

- The FCC orally directed NBANC to provide the FCC with certain financial information for the fiscal year ending September 2003.
- October 2003 – An FCC Order on financial reporting of USF and TRS Funds noted their inclusion on the Commission’s annual financial statements. If the NANPA Fund had been included, a formal petition process could have been employed to obtain FCC justification for inclusion.
- January 2004 – In the solicitation for the NANP Billing and Collection Agent released by the Commission on January 30, 2004, inclusion of the financial information of the NANPA Fund on the FCC’s financial statements is stated as fact.

Ms. Retka reported the following regarding NANPA funds:

NANPA funds are not U.S. Federal funds.

- NANPA funds are not “government funds” under relevant federal accounting standards. These amounts are collected entirely from the private sector and are used solely to fund private sector functions.

NANPA Fund is international in nature.

- A portion of NANPA funds is collected from foreign countries that participate in the NANP. The principle of international comity dictates that the FCC not report NBANC’s revenues, or even a pro rata share of those revenues, as if they were under the sole control of the FCC or even the United States government.

Inclusion of NANPA funds drives up costs.

- The additional reporting requirements imposed by inclusion of the funds in the FCC financials and the decision to use the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) process in the selection of the NANPA Fund Billing and Collection Agent is likely to add unnecessary costs to the administration of the NANPA Fund – a fund with a total value of less than \$10 million.

Ms. Retka stated that the NBANC Board of Directors plans to write to the FCC Office of Managing Director (OMD) again to request a response to the arguments presented in the analysis and to adhere to the basic principles of due process and provide the public an opportunity to comment. She indicated that the NBANC Board is seeking the support of the NANC in this matter.

Philip McClelland, NASUCA, Pennsylvania, suggested that the issue be brought to the attention of the FCC Commissioners.

Sanford Williams, DFO, advised that OMD had consulted with others outside of OMD before reaching a decision. Ms. Retka stated that NBANC has also heard that from OMD but has not yet received anything from OMD in response to its request. Chairman Atkinson read comments from Bell Canada supporting the position expressed by NBANC in objecting to the treatment of NANPA funds as part of the FCC’s financial statements.

Randy Sanders, BellSouth, questioned whether it would be appropriate for one of the FCC decision-makers on this issue to come and explain whether there are any benefits to the NANC so that the NANC can understand why it is spending the extra \$100,000.

Anne Boyle, NARUC, Nebraska, commented that this issue has been going on for two years. She agreed with Mr. McClelland that it should be brought to the Commissioner level. Ms. Boyle proposed that the NANC support NBANC's request and forward NANC's recommendation to the FCC Commissioners.

Dave Bench, Nortel Networks, stated that the NANC should support the NBANC strictly on the basis of international comity. He further stated that the United States should not take the money and manage it. Mr. McClelland agreed. He questioned whether there has been any particular response on the international aspect. Mr. McClelland expressed concern about letting this fester. Ms. Retka stated that the NBANC has the same concern. Jack Goldberg, NARUC, Connecticut, agreed with Mr. Bench's analysis and stated the letter of support should include Ms. Boyle's suggestion.

Chairman Atkinson questioned who the money belongs to, who is responsible for spending it, and who is responsible for controlling who spends it. He questioned whether it is the NBANC and the contributors, or since the money is included in the FCC's budget, whether that implies that the FCC controls how the money is spent. Mr. Ricker stated that the Board of Directors has asked that questioned and has been told not to worry about it. Mr. Williams explained that he has to sign invoices for the NANPA and the PA to receive payment, so the FCC has some say in the matter. Mr. Ricker stated that an Order was issued a few years ago that allowed for the designation for payments to others.

Chairman Atkinson questioned whether the NANC should send a supporting letter to OMD or send a letter to the Commissioners. Cheryl Callahan, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, advised that there are some legal requirements where money that is collected for a federal program has to be recorded on the agency's financial statements. Ms. Callahan indicated that the Contracting Officer does not determine how the funds that are collected by NBANC are spent. She advised that the Bureau is very much involved in making the decisions concerning how the money is spent. Ms. Callahan suggested that if the NANC decides to write a letter, it could be addressed to the Wireline Competition Bureau since the NANC is an advisory committee to the Commission, and the Wireline Competition Bureau is the FCC Bureau with delegated authority to oversee the NANC.

Chairman Atkinson stated that the NANC and the industry are looking for an explanation. He further stated that there is also the international issue and on behalf of the NANC's international members, they also deserve an explanation.

Anna Miller, T-Mobile, USA, Inc., stated that since the NANC is an advisory council to the FCC, the onus on the NANC is to get facts before making recommendations. She

suggested that the NANC get input on OMD's rationale so that the NANC can have the facts before making any recommendations to the FCC.

After extensive discussion, it was decided that the NANC will send a letter to the Office of Managing Director, and carbon copy the Wireline Competition Bureau to express support for the NBANC letter and to request an explanation regarding the funds. Comments from Bell Canada will be included as an attachment. If the NANC fails to get an explanation from the FCC, it will send a letter to the FCC Commissioners.

Ms. Retka stated that the NBANC letter will be ready before the end of the week.

Chairman Atkinson advised that he will mention it to the Commissioners' legal assistants during his next informal meeting with them.

C. North American Portability Management (NAPM) LLC Report. Charles Ryburn, SBC, presented an update to the Council. Mr. Ryburn stated that recently the NAPM has received several requests from various entities, e.g., telemarketers, expressing a need for NPAC data. He explained that these entities do not have a connection to the NPAC, and therefore, do not qualify as a "user" and are not covered by a traditional user agreement. Mr. Ryburn stated that in order to facilitate these needs, and in order to carry out its Charter to protect the integrity of NPAC data, the NAPM is currently working on developing a non-traditional user agreement. The NAPM's goal is for this agreement to be an equitable and non-discriminatory means for those entities needing NPAC data to come to the NAPM and to obtain the data.

Beth O'Donnell, NCTA, expressed concern that the NAPM LLC does not provide written reports at the NANC meetings.

D. North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) Report to the NANC. John Manning, NANPA, provided the report to the Council.

Central Office Code (CO) Activity Report. Mr. Manning reported that the total number of assignments in 2003 were 3,245, compared to 7,178 assignments in 2002. He further reported that the total number of returned codes in 2003 were 1,788, compared to 3,604 in 2002. Mr. Manning noted that the total number of net assignments for 2003 were approximately 1,500. In January 2004 there were 250 assignments.

Mr. Manning advised that on February 9, 2004, NANPA operations officially fell under the new NANPA contract, which has reporting requirements for the NANPA. Mr. Manning indicated that some of the reports that he has provided to the NANC in the past are going to be modified to comply with the contract. He advised that on February 9, 2004, NANPA cutover the new NANP Administration System (NAS). Mr. Manning indicated that NANPA will be using NAS to process CO Code Applications as well as other numbering resources. He reviewed the new modified CO Code Activity Status Report with the Council. Mr. Manning advised that this report will be provided to the

FCC and the NANC on a monthly basis and available via the NANPA and NANC-Chair websites.

NPA Inventory. Mr. Manning reported that NANPA assigned one (1) NPA code in 2003 (NPA 684 for American Samoa). One NPA code (NPA 445) was returned but remains reserved for the PA 215/267 NPA relief. Two NPAs (886 and 889) were returned in July 2003 and set aside for toll free service. Three (3) new NPAs went into service in 2003 (all in Texas). Over the past three years, 9 NPAs were placed into service in 2002, 26 NPAs in 2001 and 14 NPAs in 2000.

Mr. Manning stated that in 2004, NANPA assigned two (2) NPA codes for relief of exhausting area codes. He advised that NPA 779 was assigned in February in relief of Illinois 815, and NPA 769 was assigned in March in relief of Mississippi 601. Both NPAs are going to be overlays.

Mr. Manning reviewed the Status Report of NPAs exhausting within 36 months with the Council.

NPA Relief Activity Status Report. Mr. Manning advised that beginning in March 2004, NANPA produced a modified report in accordance with the NANPA contract. He indicated that this report will be updated on a monthly basis. Mr. Manning advised that this report as well as the CO Code Activity Status Report will be distributed to the NANC on a monthly basis. He stated that this information will also be posted to the NANPA website and will also be available through the NANPA website to the NANC-Chair website.

NANP Resource Status Report. Mr. Manning reported that during 2003, there were three (3) Feature Group (FG) B CICs assigned and 18 FG B CICs reclaimed, for a total of 819 assignments. At this time, based on the current assignment rate, NANPA doesn't anticipate the exhaust of this resource in the near future. The number of FG D CIC assignments in 2003 was 191 codes, up from 163 in 2002. There were 77 FG D CICs returned/reclaimed. The average monthly assignment rate is 16 codes per month in 2003. Over 7,300 CICs remain available for assignment. Based on the average monthly assignment rate over the last 12 months, the projected exhaust of this resource (with the continued limit of 2 FG D CICs per entity in force) is nearly 40 years. All ranges of FG D CICs are now available for assignment (i.e., 0XXX-9XXX) with a few exceptions (i.e., 0911, X411, 411X, and 9000-9199).

Mr. Manning reported that in 2003, NANPA assigned 11 new 500-NXX codes and reclaimed 15 codes. At the end of 2003, there were 519 500-NXX assigned, with 272 available for assignment. The average assignment rate is approximately one code per month. At this rate, 500-NXX resources should last for the next 20 years.

Mr. Manning stated that similar to previous years, the demand for 900-NXX codes is non-existent. Only three 900-NXX codes were assigned in 2003 (all in Canada) and 7

codes were reclaimed. At the end of 2003, there were 199 assigned/reserved 900-NXX codes.

Mr. Manning reported that there were 13 national 555 line numbers assigned in 2003. At the end of the year, 7,455 555 line numbers were assigned for national use, 333 were assigned for non-national use, 116 remained “in dispute” and 100 were reserved. There were 21,996 555 line number available for assignment.

Mr. Manning reported that none of the following codes were assigned in 2003: NPA 456 which is used for International Inbound Service, 800-855 which is used for Hearing Disability, Vertical Service Codes and Automatic Number Identification (ANI) II Digits, and N11 Codes.

Mr. Manning reported that the 2003 NANPA Annual Report will be available on the NANPA website by the end of March 2004. He indicated that when the report becomes available, a copy will be provided to Debbie Blue, Assistant to the DFO, so that it can be sent to the NANC via email.

In accordance with the NANPA technical requirements, NPA and NPA exhaust projections will be made available twice a year, i.e., at the end of April and at the end of October.

NANP Administration System (NAS). Mr. Manning reported that on February 9, 2004, the NANP Administration System became available for use. NAS includes the following capabilities:

- Service providers can enter and submit the Central Office Code Part 1s, MTEs, and Part 4s.
- Service providers can enter and submit application forms for 500-NXXs, 900-NXXs, 456-NXXs, Carrier Identification Codes, 555 line numbers and 800-855 line numbers.
- Notifications on items such as changes to assignment guidelines, jeopardy procedures and NPA relief planning are now being distributed via the NAS NANP Notification System (NNS). The NNS is used to provide both Geographic and Non-Geographic Notifications.

On February 9, 2004, NANPA introduced its redesigned website. The website contains most of the information on the old website but has been redesigned to better present the significant quantity of information found on the site.

NRUF on-line capabilities will not be available until April 2004. Information concerning training will be distributed within the next few weeks. During the week of January 26, 2004, NANPA conducted several training sessions on NAS capabilities. Over 200 individuals participated.

Mr. Manning stated that under the new NANPA contract, NANPA is now required to support the paper entry of resource applications as an enterprise service. There is a charge associated with submitting a paper application to NANPA for a resource.

Mr. Manning reviewed the System Performance Report for February 2004 with the Council.

Helen Mickiewicz, NARUC, California, stated that staff at the California PUC had been informed by a carrier that when it ports numbers to another carrier, it no longer includes those ported out numbers as part of its inventory. The carrier presumes that the company that gets the ported-in numbers includes them in its inventory. Similarly, when this carrier gets numbers ported in, it treats those as part of its inventory, but not the ones that have been ported out. The carrier and the staff at the California PUC do not understand how this is supposed to work. Mr. Mickiewicz stated that there is something fundamentally strange when a carrier includes customers in its billing base, but if the numbers have gone somewhere else, the numbers are no longer part of its inventory even though it still has the customer. She questioned how you can have a customer with a number that is your customer, but you do not count the number as your number. Ms. Mickiewicz advised that the carrier believes that that is what the NRUF reporting form requires.

Mr. Manning stated that there are specific directions on the NRUF Form 502 which states if a number is ported out by the carrier, the carrier porting out that number is to count that number as assigned. He explained that on the NRUF, when a block is donated back to the Pooling Administrator (PA), part of the NRUF reporting process is to mark that block on the NRUF as donated to pooling. The issue is when a carrier donates a block that was contaminated, how is the carrier to report those numbers on the NRUF. There is also an issue of a carrier who is assigned that contaminate block by the PA, i.e., how do they report on their NRUF those numbers that they did not receive because they were ported out to the carrier who actually donated the block. Mr. Manning gave a thorough explanation about NANPA's handling of these issues.

Ms. Mickiewicz thanked Mr. Manning for the explanation. She questioned whether it is adequate to say that carriers should simply decide on their own how they want to report the numbers that they retain when they donate a block. Ms. Mickiewicz advised that it poses the potential for carriers to boost their utilization level by treating the numbers as assigned. She further advised that if all carriers were to do that, then there would be a skewed utilization level. Ms. Mickiewicz suggested that the NANC look at this issue.

After extensive discussion, it was decided that an Action Item will be assigned to the INC, and its mission will be to assess the scale and scope of treatment for reporting purposes of how to report contaminated numbers in a contaminated block for the donating carrier and the receiving carrier. The INC will provide a report at the May 18, 2004 NANC meeting.

E. Presentation by National Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator (PA).

Amy Putnam, NeuStar, provided the report to the Council. Ms. Putnam reported that there were several new postings to the PA website in January 2004. She advised that the PA posted the new cumulative Top 100 MSA List from OMB Bulletin 04-03 which was released in the summer of 2003. Ms. Putnam explained that she used the term cumulative because according to the FCC Orders, it is not just the Top 100 MSAs of the moment. It includes the Top 100 MSAs from the 1990 Census, from the 2000 Census, and from any updates to the Census information. Also posted is the proposed list of rate centers that would be added to the Top 100 MSAs list in January, and the supplemental implementation meeting schedule. Ms. Putnam reported that as of March 15, 2004, there have been 6 implementation meetings covering 54 NPAs in 24 states. The PA is using a process similar to the national rollout where there is an implementation meeting date, and an FCC pool start date. There have been over 50 participants at some of the meetings.

Mr. Bench questioned when there are changes in the designation of an MSA, whether every carrier in the MSA are invited to the implementation meetings. Ms. Putnam responded that the PA notifies every carrier that has any resources in that NPA. She stated that with regard to OMB Bulletin 04-03, the PA notified the PAS distribution list and the state regulators.

Ms. Putnam stated that there are three outstanding Change Orders: 24, 25 & 26. Change Order #24 requests a recurring report from the NPAC to validate contamination information. The PA has requested that the FCC hold it in abeyance pending resolution of Change Order #26, which the NOWG recommended as a scaled down version of Change Order #24. Change Order #25 addresses a request from a carrier to have the PAS generate a Part 4 report.

Ms. Putnam reported that Phase 2 of the Change Orders approved in 2003 was rolled out on February 23, 2004.

Ms. Putnam reported that from January 1, 2004 to February 29, 2004, there was an increase of 4,375 in the total number of assigned blocks in the PAS.

Ms. Putnam reported that for the January 2004 Thousands Block Pooling Report, 3,593 applications were approved; 247 applications were denied; and 145 were suspended. For the February 2004 Report, 3,920 applications were approved; 452 denied; and 202 suspended. The PAS availability was 99.99 percent for January 2004, and 100 percent for February 2004.

Ms. Putnam stated that the PA will be meeting with the NOWG in April in Concord, Ca. for the first NOWG oversight review.

F. Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Report. Ken Havens, Chair presented the report to the Council. Mr. Havens reviewed the INC Meeting Schedule with the NANC members. He also reviewed the INC Issue Summary for Active Workshops.

Mr. Havens advised that the item with respect to the reporting of contaminated numbers in donated blocks will be discussed at the next INC meeting.

Ms. Mickiewicz expressed concern regarding the process wherein the NANC gives direction to the INC, and the INC decides to change the result. The NANC gave a direction to the INC on the change in the guidelines on the Multiple LRN issue, and the INC decided to change the result and put out a guideline that was not consistent with what the NANC had agreed. Ms. Mulberry notes that the NANC Charter states that the NANC has oversight over industry guidelines. Ms. Miller questioned whether the NANC can dictate to the INC what goes in the guidelines given the INC's organization and its processes. Chairman Atkinson questioned whether the NANC can reopen the issue and go back to what had been agreed to at the November 5, 2003 meeting and whether the INC can redo it, or whether the NANC has to resolve the issue of who is giving this kind of oversight direction.

After extensive discussion, Chairman Atkinson suggested that the NANC not try to resolve the issue of the relationship between the NANC and the INC in terms of the direction and the oversight of responsibilities at this time. He explained that the NANC has the policy responsibility and generally communicates it to the INC in a broad fashion, and the INC then implements it. Chairman Atkinson stated that in the future, the NANC will be more specific and precise in its direction. He further stated that the INC will, in good faith, either comply explicitly or advise the NANC why it can not, when it gets explicit, specific direction from the NANC.

After further discussion, it was decided to either get the language that had been previously agreed to from Dana Smith, or recreate the language that will be included in the guidelines. The language has to get out to the entire NANC at once. The INC will meet in early April, and if the INC has a problem with the language, it will be communicated to the NANC immediately either by Ken Havens or Jean-Paul Emard, and a NANC conference call will be scheduled.

G. Status of the Contamination Threshold IMG. Mark Welch presented the report to the Council. Mr. Welch reported that the IMG held 12 official meetings between October 22, 2003 and February 27, 2004. He indicated that industry members, service providers, and representatives from Public Utilities Commissions participated in the meetings. Mr. Welch noted that the 12 meetings equate to more than 200 person-hours. He further noted that additional activity by the participants equates to approximately double the actual meeting time. Chairman Atkinson remarked that approximately \$100,000 worth of effort has been put into this work. He asked that the IMG Chairs keep track of the person-hours spent working on the IMGs. Chairman Atkinson commented that forming an IMG does impose costs, and sometimes the costs are fairly significant.

Mr. Welch reported the objective of the IMG was to count the number of additional blocks that were made available. He advised that a total of 114 blocks that met the 10%-25% contamination level (referenced as hyper-contaminated) were contributed by service providers in the 310 and 909 NPAs. In the 310 NPA, 15 of the 16 rate centers had some

level of increase in block inventory, while in the 909 NPA, 26 of the 41 total rate centers had some level of increase in block inventory. Based on historical demand for these NPAs, the IMG concluded that the additional 114 hyper-contaminated blocks extended the life of the 310 NPA by approximately 2–3½ months and that of the 909 NPA by approximately 1–1½ months.

Mr. Welch expressed special thanks to Amy Putnam and Florence Webber of the Pooling Administrator for spending significant time providing Block Donation/Return data by rate center and editing the report; to Mark Lancaster from AT&T for his significant effort in data gathering and assessment; and Jim Castagna from Verizon for his significant effort in writing and editing the report. Mr. Welch reported that the IMG's review period ended on January 31, 2004 so that the graphs and charts could be finished through February 2004 in order to have the report available by March 1, 2004.

Mr. Welch noted that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be preparing a separate report and that the CPUC's participation in the IMG should not be construed as an expression of the CPUC's position. As a result of its participation in the IMG process, the CPUC generally concurred with the information contained in Sections 2 through 6 of the report. The CPUC abstained from modifying the remaining sections of the report given its directive from the FCC (FCC 03-196) to provide its own report.

Mr. Welch stated that the IMG encourages the NANC to recommend that the FCC further analyze the relative benefits of employing the donation of hyper-contaminated blocks in delaying NPA exhaust with the impacts upon service providers, industry infrastructure and consumers as identified in the report.

Ms. Mickiewicz advised that the CPUC sent a letter to the FCC asking to defer the submission of its report from April 30, 2004 to June 1, 2004.

There was consensus acceptance of the Contamination IMG Threshold Report. Chairman Atkinson proposed that the report be transmitted to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. He indicated that the cover letter will quote paragraphs 4 and 6 from the Executive Summary.

H. Intermodal Porting Interval IMG. Hoke Knox, Sprint, gave an update on the Intermodal Porting Interval IMG (IMG). Mr. Knox reported that the IMG is still working on the report. The IMG has met every week since its formation in January 2004. Mr. Knox indicated that there are two confirmation interval proposals and three activation interval proposals. He advised that it is taking some time to work out the different proposals. Mr. Knox stated that as soon as the IMG can reach some type of consensus on what it is going to report, an email will be sent to Chairman Atkinson. A conference call meeting of the NANC will be scheduled between then and the May 18, 2004 NANC meeting.

Mr. Welch questioned whether there would be an opportunity for public feedback. Mr. Williams stated that if there is a conference call, he will let the NANC know during the

call whether there will be an opportunity for public feedback. He stated that no one had anticipated the magnitude of time and the magnitude of the issue. Mr. Altschul urged the Commission to provide that opportunity. He indicated that it would move the IMG process along and facilitate having more options on the table and more open minds. Chairman Atkinson stated that he would make it a part of the transmittal letter. Chairman Atkinson thanked the IMG and stated that it is a tremendous effort.

Update on the 3-Digit Issue.

Chairman Atkinson questioned the status of the 3-Digit Issue. Mr. Williams stated that the 3-Digit item is with the Commissioners, and that an NPRM should be released shortly.

I. Local Number Portability Report (LNPA). Gary Sacra, Co-Chair, provided the report to the Council. Mr. Sacra reported that the Architecture Planning Team (APT) continues to meet on Thursdays during LNPA week. He advised that the major focus is to ensure that the interfaces between the NPAC and the downstream service provider systems are robust enough in the near term and the long term to handle the porting volumes, i.e., not only the activation of the porting numbers but also the notification traffic that takes place as the volumes of porting increase. In order to achieve that goal, the LNPA is creating a traffic model both for the local service management interface and the service order interface. An evaluation is underway to determine if it is necessary to increase Service Order Activation (SOA) interface throughput requirements. Prioritization of performance, interface, and operations-impacting Change Orders is underway by APT members.

Mr. Sacra reviewed the Problem Identification and Management (PIM) report with the Council.

Mr. Sacra reported on an Action Item that was assigned to the LNPA Working Group at the January 13, 2004 NANC meeting. He indicated that the LNPA was requested to develop a single list of rate centers eligible for number porting and pooling in the Top 100 MSAs. Mr. Sacra stated that in order to provide as much clarification as possible, the LNPA will create a single list of Top MSAs and Rate Centers with the MSAs, and indicate which are opened to porting and/or pooling. The list will be validated by the PA. The porting list will cease to exist on May 24, 2004, at which time the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process will take precedence. If a service provider wants to see if a particular code or particular rate center is open to portability, the local exchange routing guide will be the indicator as to whether or not it is open to portability. The pooling list will be maintained by the PA and will be updated as mandated by the FCC. Mr. Sacra stated that the goal of the LNPA is to have the list within the next two weeks. The list will be sent to the WNPO and LNPA distribution list.

Mr. Sacra gave an update on the NANC Change Order 323 Service Provider Identification (SPID). It enables NXX code ownership change in NPAC without taking ported customers in code out of service. Once Change Order 323 is implemented, it will

allow the LNPA to quickly migrate codes from one carrier to another without taking any customers out of service. The NPAC functionality was implemented in Release 3.2 in 2003. It also required extensive software changes in service provider systems. The LNPA determined that this functionality must be supported by the industry by June 30, 2004. The LNPA is completing the process flows and the detailed methods and procedures for this process to assist service providers when they are migrating codes either from them or to them.

Mr. Sacra reported that Paula Jordan, T-Mobile, has been elected as the third Co-Chair of the LNPA Working Group.

Wireless Number Portability Operations (WNPO) Report to the NANC. Sue Tiffany, Co-Chair, provided the report to the Council. Ms. Tiffany reported that the WNPO is in transition moving from being a separate committee to combining with the LNPA-WG. Beginning with the April meeting the WNPO will meet for one day focusing on wireless issues. The LNPA-WG will begin meeting two full days, Tuesday and Wednesday. The LNPA-WG will include intermodal issues and any status reports that impact both wireline and wireless. The LNPA-WG will continue to address any wireline issues. The WNPO will review combining the WNPO and LNPW-WG at the July WNPO meeting.

Ms. Tiffany stated that a new contribution addressing conflict timers was accepted. The issue addresses increasing the short (wireless) conflict timer for some period of time. The issue has resurfaced because of porting problems. Carriers will internally review the impact of inadvertent ports before agreeing to lengthen the timer. In the April meeting, the WNPO will determine whether or not to recommend an increase of the short conflict timer. If an extension of the timer is recommended, the WNPO will also recommend an NPAC notice interval.

Ms. Tiffany reported that several intermodal issues were referred to the LNPA and are being worked by the OBF interspecies Taskforce.

The Fall Out Reduction Taskforce (FORT) continues to meet via conference call every other Friday. The team includes wireline, wireless, and vendor participants.

The Wireless Test Sub-Committee (WTSC) meets via conference call every Thursday to prepare for the May 24, 2004 launch.

J. Number Oversight Working Group (NOWG) Report. Karen Mulberry, MCI, provided the report to the Council. Ms. Mulberry reported that the NOWG is scheduled to meet with the PA to perform the PA Operational Review in Concord, Ca. in April 2004. The NOWG is in the processing of analyzing the surveys that have been submitted. The NOWG plans to submit its final report of the PA 2003 Performance Review at the July 13, 2004 NANC meeting. Ms. Mulberry reviewed the PA Performance Review Timeline with the Council.

Ms. Mulberry stated that the NOWG met with the NANPA to Perform the Operational Review at NeuStar's offices in Sterling, VA. The NOWG plans to meet April 27-30, 2004 to draft the performance evaluation. The NOWG plans to submit its final report of the NANPA 2003 Performance Review at the July 13, 2004 NANC meeting.

Ms. Mulberry reported that PA Change Order #25 was received on November 21, 2003. The Change Order is a request to create a Thousands-Block Part 4 report at the Pooling Administration System (PAS). This report will identify all of the blocks assigned to a service provider and their respective Part 4 due dates. In reviewing this Change Order, the NOWG sent a recommendation to the FCC that it could not recommend its adoption. Most reasons were related to the fields that were searchable and the differences between what the pooling system is capable of doing and what the CO Code system is capable of doing.

Ms. Mulberry stated that Change Order #26 reflects NOWG recommended modifications to Change Order #24. She indicated that the NOWG did not need to provide any further input.

Ms. Mulberry stated that NANPA is 100% compliant with its Monthly Performance Metrics for January 2004.

Ms. Mulberry reviewed the 2004 NOWG meeting schedule with the Council.

Chairman Atkinson asked that the NOWG as well as the Chairs of all of the committees and working groups keep track of the scale and scope of the value of its work efforts in terms of the person-hours work. He stated that it is the kind of work that does not get the respect that it is due. Ms. Mulberry stated that the NOWG will include the information in its presentations.

K. List of NANC Accomplishments. The Council reviewed the List of NANC Accomplishments.

L. Public Participation. None.

M. Other Business. Randy Sanders, BellSouth questioned whether in the future, the NANC can meet on Wednesdays because of the time that it takes to get through Atlanta Airport security. Chairman Atkinson pointed out that the Commission Meeting Room is booked for the rest of calendar year 2004. The issue will be discussed at the July 18, 2004 NANC meeting.

It was decided that the May 18, 2004 NANC meeting will begin at 9:30 AM.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2004 – 9:30 AM

ACTION ITEMS:

MARCH 16, 2004 NANC MEETING

1. NANC Chairman

Send a letter to the FCC regarding the Managing Director's decision to include NBANC funds in the FCC's financial statements as federal funds.

2. INC

Review how donating and receiving service providers report the status of numbers in contaminated blocks. Report at May NANC meeting.

3. INC

Expediently revise the Multiple LRN recommendation to include language previously agreed to between INC, NARUC and NASUCA, to reflect "subject to state authority." Report action taken in INC's early April meeting to NANC via e-mail by April 5. NANC will hold a conference call if the April 5th report indicates a problem with including NARUC/NASUCA language.

4. NANC Chairman

Forward report of 25% Contamination Threshold IMG to FCC.