

assignment of animals to an experimental unit to account for pertinent variables and method of assignment of a treatment or a control to the experimental units. When the effect of such variables is accounted for by an appropriate design, and when, within the same animal, effects due to the test drug can be obtained free of the effects of such variables, the same animal may be used for both the test drug and the control using the controls set forth in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(7) The study uses methods to minimize bias on the part of observers and analysts of the data that are adequate to prevent undue influences on the results and interpretation of the study data. The protocol and study report explain the methods of observation and recording of the animal response variables and document the methods, such as "blinding" or "masking," used in the study for excluding or minimizing bias in the observations.

(8) The study uses methods to assess animal response that are well-defined and reliable. The protocol and study report describe the methods for conducting the study, including any appropriate analytical and statistical methods, used to collect and analyze the data resulting from the conduct of the study, describe the criteria used to assess response, and, when appropriate, justify the selection of the methods to assess animal response.

(9) There is an analysis and evaluation of the results of the study in accord with the protocol adequate to assess the effects of the new animal drug. The study report evaluates the methods used to conduct, and presents and evaluates the results of, the study as to their adequacy to assess the effects of the new animal drug. This evaluation of the results of the study assesses, among other items, the comparability of treatment and control groups with respect to pertinent variables and the effects of any interim analyses performed.

(c) *Waiver.* The Director of the Center for Veterinary Medicine (the Director) may, on the Director's own initiative or on the petition of an interested person, waive in whole or in part any of the criteria in paragraph (b) of this section with respect to a specific study. A petition for a waiver is required to set forth clearly and concisely the specific criteria from which waiver is sought, why the criteria are not reasonably applicable to the particular study, what alternative procedures, if any, are to be, or have been employed, and what results have been obtained. The petition is also required to state why the studies

so conducted will yield, or have yielded, substantial evidence of effectiveness, notwithstanding nonconformance with the criteria for which waiver is requested.

(d) *Uncontrolled studies.* Uncontrolled studies or partially controlled studies, including studies for which the Director has granted a waiver, under paragraph (c) of this section, of the use of any necessary control described in paragraph (b)(4) of this section, are not acceptable as the sole basis for the approval of claims of effectiveness or target animal safety. Such studies, carefully conducted and documented, may provide corroborative support of adequate and well-controlled studies regarding effectiveness and may yield valuable data regarding safety of the new animal drug. Such studies will be considered on their merits in the light of the characteristics listed here. Isolated case reports, random experience, and reports lacking the details which permit scientific evaluation will not be considered.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

William B. Schultz,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Chapter I

[CC Docket No. 95-116; DA 97-916]

The North American Numbering Council (NANC) Issues Recommendations Regarding the Implementation of Telephone Number Portability

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has released a Public Notice which establishes a pleading cycle for comments on the NANC's recommendations regarding local number portability administrators (LPNAs), the duties of LPNAs, the location of regional number portability databases, and technical specifications for the regional databases.

DATES: Comments are due on or before June 2, 1997, and reply comments are due on or before June 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and reply comments should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, with a

copy to Janice Myles of the Common Carrier Bureau, 1919 M Street, NW., Room 544, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Teplitz or Kyle Dixon, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Synopsis of Public Notice

On June 27, 1996, the Commission adopted the *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (First Report & Order)* (61 FR 38605 (July 25, 1996)) in the above-referenced docket implementing the requirement under section 251(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, that all local exchange carriers offer number portability in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Commission. In the *First Report & Order*, the Commission directed the North American Numbering Council (NANC), a federal advisory committee, to select one or more independent, non-governmental entities that are not aligned with any particular telecommunications segment, to serve as a local number portability administrator(s) (LNPA(s)). The Commission also directed the NANC to make recommendations regarding, *inter alia*, the duties of LNPA(s), the location of regional databases, and technical specifications for the regional databases.

The NANC forwarded its recommendations to the Commission on May 1, 1997 in a report from its Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group, dated April 25, 1997. Specifically, the NANC issued recommendations in the following areas: (1) What party or parties should be selected as LNPA(s); (2) whether one or multiple LNPA(s) should be selected; (3) how the LNPA(s) should be selected; (4) specific duties of the LNPA(s); (5) geographic coverage of the regional databases; (6) technical standards, including interoperability standards, network interface standards, and technical specifications, for the regional databases; (7) the sharing of numbering information between the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the LNPA(s); and (8) the future role of the NANC with respect to local number portability issues. The Commission will act on these recommendations in a future order.

Copies of the NANC's Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group report are available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours, in the Commission's Public Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), the

Commission's contractor for public service records duplication, at 2100 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20037, or by calling (202) 875-3800. In addition, the NANC's Local Number Portability Administration Selection Working Group report is available for review via the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Nanc>.

The *First Report & Order* directed the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, to issue a Public Notice that specifically identifies the administrator(s) selected by the NANC and the proposed locations of the regional databases. Pursuant to this directive, we hereby announce that the NANC has made the following recommended LNPA selections, in the following regions:

Region	Specific states per region	Administrator
Northeast	Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts	Lockheed Martin IMS.
Mid-Atlantic	New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington, DC	Lockheed Martin IMS.
Mid-West	Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio	Lockheed Martin IMS.
Southeast	Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.	Perot Systems, Inc.
Southwest	Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri	Lockheed Martin IMS.
Western	Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, and Alaska.	Perot Systems, Inc.
West Coast	California, Nevada, and Hawaii	Perot Systems, Inc.

The NANC also recommends that the U.S. territories choose from one of the seven regions. A state has 60 days from the release date of this Public Notice to notify the Common Carrier Bureau and the NANC that it does not wish to participate in the regional database system for number portability.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 9, and consistent with its charter, the NANC's authority is limited to providing advice and recommendations to the Commission. Moreover, all procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et seq.*, and other applicable statutes continue to apply. Interested parties should file an original and four copies of their comments on the NANC's number portability recommendations by June 2, 1997 and reply comments by June 17, 1997 with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments should reference CC Docket No. 96-115. In addition, parties should send one copy to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy to ITS, at 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W.,

Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of comments and reply comments will also be available from ITS, at 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, or by calling (202) 875-3800.

We will continue to treat this proceeding as a non-restricted rulemaking for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206. For further information contact Steven Teplitz or Kyle Dixon, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Amendment 8; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS published a document in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 1997, announcing the availability of Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. The document contained an incorrect I.D. number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Godcharles, 813-225-2015.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of April 23, 1997, in FR DOC 97-10555, on page 19733, in the second column, correct the I.D. number to read: [I.D. 041497C].

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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