

other bidding activity, a bidder placing a new bid on a license for which it is the standing high bidder would not keep the auction open under this modified stopping rule. The Bureau further seeks comment on whether this modified stopping rule should be used at any time or only in stage three of the auction.

ii. Keep the auction open even if no new acceptable bids or proactive waivers are submitted and no previous high bids are withdrawn. In this event, the effect will be the same as if a bidder had submitted a proactive waiver. The activity rule, therefore, will apply as usual, and a bidder with insufficient activity will either lose bidding eligibility or use a remaining activity rule waiver.

iii. Declare that the auction will end after a specified number of additional rounds ("special stopping rule"). If the Bureau invokes this special stopping rule, it will accept bids in the specified final round(s) only for licenses on which the high bid increased in at least one of a specified preceding number of rounds.

45. The Bureau proposes to exercise these options only in certain circumstances, such as, for example, where the auction is proceeding very slowly, there is minimal overall bidding activity, or it appears likely that the auction will not close within a reasonable period of time. Before exercising these options, the Bureau is likely to attempt to increase the pace of the auction by, for example, increasing the number of bidding rounds per day, and/or increasing the amount of the minimum bid increments for the limited number of licenses where there is still a high level of bidding activity. The Bureau seeks comment on these proposals.

### III. Conclusion

46. Comments are due on or before December 13, 2002, and reply comments are due on or before December 18, 2002. Because of the disruption of regular mail and other deliveries in Washington, DC, the Bureau requires that all comments and reply comments be filed electronically. Comments and reply comments must be sent by electronic mail to the following address: [auction48@fcc.gov](mailto:auction48@fcc.gov). The electronic mail containing the comments or reply comments must include a subject or caption referring to Auction No. 48 Comments. The Bureau requests that parties format any attachments to electronic mail as Adobe® Acrobat® (pdf) or Microsoft® Word documents. Copies of comments and reply comments will be available for public

inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Public Reference Room, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition, the Bureau requests that commenters fax a courtesy copy of their comments and reply comments to the attention of Kathryn Garland at (717) 338-2850. Parties that have previously filed comments or reply comments for Auction No. 48 need not refile them.

47. This proceeding has been designated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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#### Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 3, 2002, the Commission released a public notice announcing the December 11, 2002 conference call meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The conference bridge number for domestic participants is (800) 377-4273 (toll free). The call in number for international participants is (816) 650-0771 (caller pays). The Chairperson to ask for is Robert Atkinson. Due to limited port space, NANC members and Commission staff will have first priority on the call. Members of the public may join the call as remaining port space permits or may attend in person at the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room 6-B516, Washington, DC 20554. The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the NANC's conference call meeting and agenda

scheduled for December 11, 2002. This notice of the December 11, 2002, NANC conference call meeting is being published in the **Federal Register** less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting due to the NANC's need to discuss a time sensitive issue before the next scheduled meeting.

This statement complies with the General Services Administration Management regulations implementing the Federal Advisory Committee Act. See 41 CFR section 101-6.1015(b)(2).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Blue, Special Assistant to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (202) 418-1466 or [dblue@fcc.gov](mailto:dblue@fcc.gov). The address is: Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Suite 5A420, Washington, DC 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to members of the general public. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many participants as possible. Participation on the conference call is limited. The public may submit written statements to the NANC, which must be received two business days before the meeting. In addition, oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the NANC will be permitted to the extent time permits. Such statements will be limited to five minutes in length by any one party or entity, and requests to make an oral statement must be received two business days before the meeting. Requests to make an oral statement or provide written comments to the NANC should be sent to Deborah Blue at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, stated above.

#### Proposed Agenda—Wednesday, December 11, 2002 1 PM

To discuss NANC recommendation to the Federal Communications Commission regarding the Petition of the California Public Utilities Commission and the People of the State of California for Waiver of the Federal Communications Commission's Contamination Threshold Rule.

Federal Communications Commission

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