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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS USERS OF NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATION CENTER TO REGISTER WITH NEW LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATOR

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By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) reminds all entities that use the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) that the process to transition operation of the NPAC from Neustar to Telcordia Technologies, Inc. d/b/a iconectiv (iconectiv) is underway, consistent with the Federal Communications Commission's Order selecting iconectiv as the next Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA).¹ All entities that use the NPAC, including providers of telecommunications and telecommunications-related services (referred to in this Public Notice as Service Providers), law enforcement agencies, and users of Wireless Do-Not-Call services, must register with iconectiv. In addition, end users that access the NPAC through a Service Bureau should contact their Service Bureaus to ensure that their providers are registered and ready for the transition.

NPAC users are encouraged to register with iconectiv as early as possible during the transition process in order to provide sufficient time to then test the new system. If users do not intend to conduct testing of the new NPAC, they should register with iconectiv no later than the dates specified below. Cutovers to the new iconectiv NPAC are currently scheduled to begin in March 2018 for some services, and to be completed for all services during May 2018.

Service Providers

To be ready for the transition, Service Providers must complete registration with iconectiv by August 31, 2017, if planning to test their interfaces, but no later than October 31, 2017, if the entity does not plan to test. However, to ensure a smooth transition, we strongly encourage service providers to register as soon as possible to allow for participation in industry testing. Service Providers cannot participate in testing without first registering with iconectiv.

Scheduling and setup has begun for Service Providers who are planning to test their interfaces with the iconectiv NPAC. Testing will begin this month, August 2017. Completing registration as soon

¹ Telcordia Technologies, Inc. Petition to Reform Amendment 57 and to Order a Competitive Bidding Process for Number Portability Administration et al., Order, 31 FCC Rcd 8406, para. 1 (2016), aff'd sub nom, Neustar Inc. v. FCC, No. 15-1080 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (approving iconectiv as the new LNPA).

as possible will give the Service Providers a better chance of scheduling testing at their preferred times (preferably early in the testing cycle), and will allow for the maximum amount of time for that testing. Testing will be available both for Service Providers that use an automated (or mechanized) interface with the NPAC, as well as for those that use a web-based Graphical User Interface to access the NPAC.

Law Enforcement Agencies and Users of Wireless Do-Not-Call Services

Law enforcement agencies and users of Wireless Do-Not-Call services must complete registration with iconectiv by November 30, 2017, if planning to test their interfaces, but no later than December 31, 2017, if they do not plan to test. Testing for these users is currently scheduled to begin in December 2017. Law enforcement services and Wireless Do-Not-Call services are scheduled to cutover from Neustar to iconectiv in March 2018.

To begin registration or for further information, any entity that uses the NPAC that is not registered should visit <u>www.numberportability.com</u> or contact iconectiv at <u>LNPA-ACCT-MGMT@iconectiv.numberportabilty.com</u> or 844-820-8039.

Ex parte **Presentations.** This proceeding shall continue to be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, and other relevant WCB guidance.² To the extent that parties make presentations that are not subject to the modified procedures, the Commission's filing requirements for "permit-but-disclose" proceedings under Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules apply.

Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written ex parte presentations and memoranda summarizing oral ex parte presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable.pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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² In a Public Notice released on August 18, 2015, the Bureau modified the applicability of the Commission's *ex parte* rules to this proceeding in certain respects. *See Notice Concerning Ex Parte Status of Communications with Respect to the Local Number Portability Administrator Selection Proceeding*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 8425 (WCB 2015). Parties should consult the *LNPA Ex parte Status PN* to determine if planned *ex parte* presentations are subject to the modified procedures discussed therein, or the Commission's standard *ex parte* rules.