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Mr. Williams:

Please be advised that the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (“ATIS”) Industry Numbering Committee (“INC”), represented by its leadership Mr. Ken Havens, INC Chair from Sprint, and Adam Newman, INC Vice Chair from Telcordia, would like to be considered as a “panelist” for the upcoming FCC Symposium on “The Future of Numbering.” Specifically, we believe the INC leadership would have valuable information with respect to Question 5 posed by the Commission in its Public Notice announcing the Symposium, regarding “…any changes in numbering…practices or procedures required to accommodate reasonably foreseeable changes in the demand of numbers”.

As you know, the INC has a long-standing history of providing an open forum, operating under procedures that ensure due process to all materially and directly affected parties, i.e., committee participants. These subject matter expert participants include not only wireline and wireless Service Providers, but vendors, numbering administrators, and trade associations, as well as state and federal regulators. Since its inception in 1993, the INC has dealt with the future of numbering through its examination of issues and the development of guidelines, specifications, and studies. An in-depth listing of these publications and issues is included in the slides attached to this letter.

ATIS and the INC stand ready to assist the FCC and its advisory North American Numbering Council in examining and carrying out the technical requirements necessary to ensure the optimum use and efficiency of the NANP.

Please accept the attached presentation as added information for the Symposium’s participants and for the official record of the Symposium.
If you have any questions, please contact either Jean-Paul Emard, ATIS Director of Industry Forums, (202-434-8824; jemard@atis.org) or myself at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ken Havens, Sprint, INC Chair  
    Adam Newman, Telcordia, INC Vice Chair

Attachment
Adam Newman - INC Vice Chair
Ken Havens - INC Chair

Industry Solutions (AITS)
Alliance for Telecommunications
Industry Numbering Committee (INC)
The Industry Numbering Committee (INC) was formed in July 1993 as a result of the first study by NANPA of the future of numbering. It first met in October 1993, to promote the discussion and resolution of numbering issues in a single forum. Since then, the INC has met regularly and has reviewed more than 450 numbering-related issues.
INC Mission

INC provides an open forum to address and resolve telecommunications, industry-wide issues associated with the planning, administration, allocation, assignment, and use of North American Numbering Plan (NANP) numbering resources and related dialing considerations for public telecommunications within the NANP area.
donations, and VOLP numbering
numeric assignment, "Digit" release, block
data, number pooling, NAP, expansion,
portability, number pooling, NANP expansion.

The following two slides enumerate some of the
numbering plan evolution and optimization.

Guidelines leading to efficient implementation of
development studies, operational procedures and
subject matter experts to work on issues and
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"The Future of Numbering" INC's Continuing Work in
Prior INC Work on Future of Numbering

- INC Report on Unassigned Number Porting (UNP) (2001)
- Expanding the Capacity of the North American Numbering Plan
- Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Recommended Plan for
- INC Report on PCS N00 Portability (1999)
- Uniform Dialing Plan (1998)
- INC Initial Report to the North American Numbering Council (NANC)
INC Issues on Future of Numbering

Issues:

429: Non-Displaceable ERs or ESRs
393: Report on VoIP Numbering Issues
910: AMC: Interim Numbering Issues
104: Individual Telephone Number (ITN)
197: "D" Directed Overwrite Service (GETS) Notification - NPA 710
192: Request for Assistance in the Emergency Purposes
191: Proposed Use of NXX 911 for Location Routing Numbers (LRN)
102: Assignment and Administration of Feasibility
50/000 Portability Technical
900 Portability Response to the
900 Portability Response to the
900 Portability Response to the
027: Interim Exhaust Relief Measures
023: 1st Public Data Numbering and
dialing
022: VFMP Formal Expansion
021: Abbreviated Dialing
020: Uniform Dialing Plan
018: Long Term Numbering Plan
017: Number Portability
112: World Zone 1 Universal Number(s)
008: SMDS Numbering Plan
006: Overwrite/Planning for NPA Code
004: NTAP Assigment Guidelines for the Establishment
Development for 640 Infranet Interchangeable
Guidelines in Geographic NPAR
003: CO Code (NXX/NX) Assignment
002: Communication Services
001: Assignment Guidelines for NXX

For 800 Numbers

For TRS

For NPAR
INC is the Proper Forum
http://www.aitis.org/inc/docs.asp

INC Published Documents:
http://www.aitis.org/inc/incissue.asp

INC Issues (Historical and active links):
http://www.aitis.org/inc/calendar.asp

INC Calendar (Future meeting logistics/agendas):
http://www.aitis.org/inc/index.asp

INC Homepage (Front page to all INC Links):

Relevant INC Web Pages