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Re: Sunset of *800-855 Number Assignment Guidelines* (ATIS-0300047)

Dear Ms. Monteith and Mr. Webre:

The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Industry Numbering Committee (INC) is writing to inform you of INC's decision to sunset the *800-855 Number Assignment Guidelines* (ATIS-0300047), which were created in 1994 to provide guidance to the NANPA and applicants regarding the assignment of the 800-855 numbers for services for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

In 2008, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) ordered the adoption of a uniform Ten-Digit Telephone Numbering System for Internet-based TRS (iTRS)¹, making the assignment of these resources no longer necessary. In 2011, the Commission issued another *Report and Order* requiring persons holding toll free numbers to request that the numbers be linked to a 10-digit telephone number in the iTRS Directory.² At that time, the Toll Free Number Administrator (TFNA) notified all Responsible Organizations (RespOrgs) of the 2011 *Report and Order* and the required transitions.

While no new assignments have been made for some time, the *800-855 Number Assignment Guidelines* were never formally sunset. INC notes that the NANPA had assigned a total of ninety-three (93) 800-855 line numbers since the creation of the guidelines, but none in the last seven years. Additionally, INC has confirmed with the iTRS Administrator that the ninety-three (93) 800-855 numbers are not provisioned in the iTRS Directory.

INC has agreed to formally sunset the *800-855 Number Assignment Guidelines*. In addition, NANPA will submit a Change Order to remove the application function for the 800-855 line numbers. Upon approval of the Change Order, NANPA will update its website to reflect the sunset of the resource. The NANPA will also publish a Planning Letter announcing the sunset of the *800-855 Number Assignment Guidelines* and provide industry notification that these line numbers are strictly assigned for toll free use and no longer are assigned by NANPA.

¹ *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CG Docket No.03-123, WC Docket No. 05-196 (released June 24, 2008).

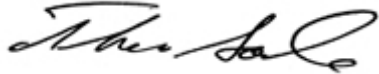
² *Report and Order*, WC Docket Nos. 05-196 and 10-191 (released August 4, 2011). See also 47 CFR § 64.611.

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Finally, INC and the NANPA recommend that the Commission direct the TFNA to assume management of the 800-855 resources.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Goode", written in a cursive style.

Thomas Goode
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cc: Allyson Blevins (Charter Communications), INC Co-Chair
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