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APPLICATIONS OF T-MOBILE LICENSE LLC AND HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE FOR LICENSE ASSIGNMENTS

NUMBERING RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND FORECAST (NRUF) REPORTS AND LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY (LNP) REPORTS PLACED INTO THE RECORD, SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

CC Docket No. 99-200
ULS File No. 0010864059
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In connection with the Commission's review of an application for a license assignment from Horry Telephone Cooperative (HTC) to T-Mobile License LLC (T-Mobile) and applications for exchange license assignments between T-Mobile and HTC (collectively, the Applicants), the Commission is examining information contained in the biannual Numbering Resource Utilization and Forecast (NRUF) reports filed by wireless telecommunications carriers,¹ carrier-specific local number portability (LNP) data related to wireless telecommunications carriers, and further disaggregated monthly carrier-specific local number portability data (Carrier-to-Carrier LNP Data) related to wireless telecommunications carriers. These data may assist the Commission in assessing the competitive effects of the transaction. Accordingly, the NRUF reports for all wireless telecommunications carriers for December 2023 and the monthly LNP reports for all wireless telecommunications carriers for January 2023 through December 2023 are being placed in the record in these proceedings, subject to the provisions of a protective order.²

Section 251 of the Communications Act grants the Commission jurisdiction over the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) and related telephone numbering issues.³ To monitor better the way numbering resources are used within the NANP and allocate NANP resources efficiently, the Commission requires telecommunications carriers to provide the Commission with a utilization report of their current inventory of telephone numbers and a five-year forecast of their numbering resource requirements.⁴ LNP data are collected by the LNP Administrator and provided to the Commission.

The Commission has recognized that disaggregated, carrier-specific forecast and utilization data should be treated as confidential and should be exempt from public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).⁵ The NRUF and LNP reports are being placed into the record subject to the provisions of a

¹ 47 CFR §§ 1.907, 52.5.

² A protective order will be adopted shortly.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 251.

⁴ 47 CFR § 52.15(f); see *Numbering Resource Optimization*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 7574, 7578-79, para. 5 (2000) (*Numbering Report and Order*).

⁵ *Numbering Report and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd at 7607, para. 78.

protective order. As such, the NRUF and LNP data will not be available to the public except pursuant to the terms of the protective order, as outlined below.

Persons seeking to review the NRUF and LNP data may do so only for purposes of participating in this proceeding. Pursuant to the protective order, outside persons participating or intending to participate in the proceeding who are not involved in competitive decision-making activities and who have signed the Acknowledgment of Confidentiality attached to the protective order may review the NRUF and LNP data. We emphasize that persons seeking to review the NRUF and LNP data must have adequate protections in place to prevent improper use or disclosure of the information.

Affected parties have until **September 23, 2024** to oppose the limited disclosure of their NRUF and LNP data pursuant to the protective order.⁶ In addition, affected parties will have five business days after the filing of an acknowledgment of confidentiality to object to the release of their data to a particular person who requests permission to review it.

Under the Commission's current procedures for the submission of filings and other documents,⁷ submissions in this matter may be filed electronically through the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS), referencing the file numbers set forth above.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
 - Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. **All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.**
 - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
 - Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20554.

One copy of each filing must be delivered electronically, by email, or if delivered as paper copy, by messenger delivery, commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) Susannah Larson, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at Susannah.Larson@fcc.gov; (2) Catherine Matraves, Office of Economics and Analytics, at Catherine.Matraves@fcc.gov; and (3) Joel Rabinovitz, Office of General Counsel, at Joel.Rabinovitz@fcc.gov. Any submission emailed to these individuals should include in the subject line of the email, for example: (1) ULS File No. 0010864059; (2) the name of the submitting party; and (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (e.g., ULS File No. 0010864059, Widget Corp., NRUF Objection).

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This action is taken pursuant to sections 4(i) and 310(d) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 310(d), section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), and authority

⁶ If disclosure is opposed, the procedures set forth in 47 CFR § 0.461(i) shall apply.

⁷ *FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents*, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 14312 (2009).

delegated under section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 0.331, and is effective upon its adoption.

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