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NOTICE OF INTERCONNECTED VOIP NUMBERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION REMOVAL FROM STREAMLINED TREATMENT AND EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

WC Docket No. 19-99

Revised Filing Dates:

Comments Due: November 8, 2024

Reply Comments Due: November 22, 2024

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) hereby removes the application listed in this Notice from streamlined treatment pursuant to the Commission's procedures for interconnected VoIP numbering authorization applications, and extends the comment filing period.¹

Interconnected VoIP Numbering Authorization Application Filed by NumberBarn, LLC, WC Docket No. 19-99, Public Notice, DA 24-984 (WCB Sept. 24, 2024).²

On September 26, 2024, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), timely filed a motion requesting a 30-day extension of the deadline for filing comments in this proceeding and to remove the application from a streamlined pleading cycle.³ NARUC requests the extension to permit its member state public utility commissions an opportunity to comment on this application.⁴ The applicant, NumberBarn, LLC (NumberBarn), timely filed an opposition to NARUC's motion on October 1, 2024, opposing both the extension of the comment period and the removal of the application from streamlined processing.⁵

¹ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(iv) ("An application under this section is deemed granted by the Commission on the 31st day after the Commission releases a public notice stating that the application has been accepted for filing, unless the [Wireline Competition] Bureau notifies the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective.").

² Interconnected VoIP Numbering Authorization Application Filed by NumberBarn, LLC, WC Docket No. 19-99, Public Notice, DA 24-984 (WCB September 24, 2024), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/10924005061749 (originally establishing the public comment deadline as October 9, 2024).

³ See Motion of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for Extension of Time and to Remove This Application from a Streamlined Pleading Cycle, WC Docket No. 19-99 (filed Sept. 24, 2024), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/10926270871273 (NARUC Motion). A motion may be made for an extension of time seven days prior to a comment filing date. 47 CFR § 1.45(b).

⁴ See NARUC Motion at 3-4.

⁵ See Opposition to Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 19-99 (filed Oct. 1, 2024), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/100170639531 (NumberBarn Opposition); see also 47 CFR §

As set forth in section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁶ We find, however, that NARUC has shown good cause for an extension of the comment deadline. It explains that its member state public utility commissions seek to offer comments regarding numbering resources within their specific states that are relevant to NumberBarn's request, and that an additional 30 days will enable them to obtain requisite internal approvals to file their comments.⁷ NumberBarn opposes the extension and has raised certain substantive arguments addressing why a grant of its application is in the public interest.⁸

Pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3)(v)(D-E) of the rules, this application is removed from streamlined processing to allow the Bureau to further analyze whether granting the application serves the public interest. In addition, the comment deadline is extended from October 9, 2024 to **November 8, 2024**, and we also establish a reply comment date of **November 22, 2024** to provide the applicant and interested parties an opportunity to review and respond to any public comments received. Final action on this application should be expected after the Commission concludes its review.

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^{1.45(}b) ("Oppositions to any motion, petition, or request may be filed within 10 days after the original pleading is filed.").

⁶ See 47 CFR § 1.46.

⁷ NARUC Motion at 3-4.

⁸ NumberBarn Opposition at 2-3.

⁹ See 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(v)(A-E) (stating that the Bureau may notify an applicant that its application is being removed from streamlined processing if (1) an applicant fails to respond promptly to Commission inquiries; (2) an application is associated with a non-routine request for waiver of the Commission's rules; (3) an applicant would, on its face, violate a Commission rule in this chapter or the Communications Act; (4) timely filed comments on the application raise public interest concerns that require further Commission review; or (5) the Bureau determines that the application requires further analysis to determine whether granting the application serves the public interest.).