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PROPOSED NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATION FUND SIZE ESTIMATE AND CONTRIBUTION FACTOR FOR JULY 2012 THROUGH JUNE 2013

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In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces the proposed North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administration fund size estimate and contribution factor for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (Fiscal Year 2012). Proper funding of NANP Administration ensures that consumers will continue to have access to the numbering resources essential to the provision of new services and technologies. If the Commission takes no action regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 fund size estimate and contribution factor within the 14-day period following release of this Public Notice, the fund size estimate and the contribution factor shall be deemed approved by the Commission.

Calculating the NANP Administration Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor

Under section 52.17 of the Commission's rules, all telecommunications carriers in the United States are required to contribute on a competitively neutral basis to meet the costs of numbering administration.¹ Pursuant to its contract with the Commission and section 52.16(a) of the Commission's rules, the NANP billing and collection agent, Welch LLP (Welch), is responsible for calculating, assessing, billing and collecting payments for numbering administration functions, and for distributing funds to the entities that support these functions (*e.g.*, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and the Pooling Administrator (PA)).² Consistent with this function, Welch annually develops the projected numbering administration costs and fund size estimate for the upcoming fiscal year.

To develop these figures, Welch allocates a portion of the funding requirement to all NANP countries.³ Specifically, it calculates a Canadian contribution amount, a Caribbean contribution amount, and a U.S. contribution amount. Welch then develops a contribution factor for U.S. telecommunications carriers designed to collect the projected U.S. contribution. Our rules provide that contributions shall be the product of the carriers' end-user telecommunications revenues for the prior calendar year and the

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 52.17. For purposes of this section, the term "telecommunications carrier" or "carrier" includes interconnected VoIP providers as that term is defined in section 52.12(h), 47 C.F.R. § 52.12(h).

² 47 C.F.R. § 52.16(a).

³ The NANP member countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Sint Maarten, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the United States (including American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

contribution factor, and such contribution shall be no less than twenty-five dollars (\$25).⁴

Billing and Collection Agent Projection of the Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor

On May 14, 2012, Welch filed a revised fund size estimate and contribution factor for recovering the cost of NANP Administration for Fiscal Year 2012, in accordance with section 52.16(a) of the Commission's rules.⁵ Welch proposed a funding requirement of \$6,187,045 for Fiscal Year 2012, and a contribution factor of 0.0000254.⁶ The funding requirement contemplates a Canadian contribution of \$78,633, a Caribbean contribution of \$16,290, a U.S. contribution of \$5,139,392, and the application of \$952,730 from the accumulated surplus from the prior fiscal year.⁷

Effective Date of the Fund Size Estimate and Contribution Factor

If the Commission takes no action regarding the proposed fund size estimate and contribution factor within the 14-day period following release of this Public Notice, the fund size estimate and the contribution factor are considered approved by the Commission and become effective for Fiscal Year 2012.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 52.17(a).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 52.16(a); Letter from Faith Marcotte, Partner, Welch LLP, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 92-237 (filed May 14, 2012) (*Fiscal Year 2012 Contribution Factor Filing*).

⁶ See *Fiscal Year 2012 Contribution Factor Filing* at 2.

⁷ *Id.* at 2-3.