

Interconnected VoIP Providers – Direct Access to Numbers

VoIP Numbering Authorization:

Effective February 18, 2016, the FCC will accept applications from interconnected VoIP providers that desire to obtain VoIP numbering authorization. See the February 4, 2016 Public Notice for instructions for filing a “VoIP Numbering Authorization Application” at

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2016/db0204/DA-16-129A1.pdf

30-Day Notice to State:

After FCC authorization is granted, an interconnected VoIP provider that is ready to apply for numbers must send a notice to those states from which it intends to request thousands-blocks and/or central office codes. The information required in that notice to the state is described in 47 CFR § 52.15 (g) (3).

The Industry Numbering Committee (INC) has created a template for a 30-day state notification. This template can be found by accessing the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines (TBPAG-Appendix 7) and the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG Appendix G) located on the ATIS website at http://www.atis.org/01_committ_forums/INC/inc_docs.asp

Although most states will accept the INC template, please note that states may create their own process for the 30-day notice. State numbering contacts can be located at

<https://www.nationalpooling.com/contact/statepuc/contacts/RegulatoryContacts.xlsx>

Applying for numbering resources after the 30-Day Notice:

An interconnected VoIP provider must have an Operating Company Number (OCN) in order to apply for numbering resources. The OCN must be associated with a NECA Company Code (OCN) Category Type of “IPES” for Internet Protocol Enabled Services. The NECA Company Code Assignment Contact Telephone is 973-884-8497. The website to request a Company Code is

<https://www.neca.org/PublicInterior.aspx?id=1947>

When the interconnected VoIP provider is ready to submit an application for a block or code, the applicant will need to provide (1) evidence of the authorization issued by the FCC, (2) proof that the 30-day notice was received by the state commission (such as a date stamped filing or email receipt from the state commission), and (3) evidence that facilities are in place or will be in place to provide service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date [LERG™ Routing Guide (LERG) effective date]. Please note that the types of facility readiness evidence, as stated in FCC 15-70, ¶137, can be:

1. A combination of an agreement between the interconnected VoIP provider and its carrier partner and an interconnection agreement between that carrier and the relevant local exchange carrier (LEC) or:

2. Proof that the interconnected VoIP provider obtains interconnection with the PSTN pursuant to a tariffed offering or a commercial arrangement (such as a TDM-to-IP or a VoIP interconnection agreement) that provides access to the PSTN.

Additional Steps necessary prior to applying for numbering resources:

Before you can apply for numbers, you must register in the Pooling Administration System (for blocks) and the Numbering Administration System (for codes). These registrations and other additional actions must be completed before the block/code application process can begin. These steps are set out in:

- “New Service Provider Checklist” on the National Number Pooling Administration website, under Quick Links, at <http://www.nationalpooling.com/tools/SPchecklist/SPchecklist.pdf>. The Pooling Administration (PA) Customer Support desk can be contacted by calling 1-866-638-7665 or via email to poolingsupport@somos.com
- “Getting Started with CO Code Requests” on the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) website, under “NANPA Fast Track” at https://www.nationalnanpa.com/tools/trainGuides/Getting_Started_with_CO_Code_Assignments.pdf. The NANPA Customer Support desk can be contacted by calling 1-866- 623-2282 or via email to nanpa-login@somos.com