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PART 52 –Numbering

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Significant Actions Affecting 47 C.F.R. Part 52

07/02/96 The Commission added Part 52 to Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The new rules addressed telephone number portability, as required by 47 U.S.C. § 251, as well as numbering administration and cost recovery. The Commission established performance criteria for acceptable long-term number portability methods and required all ILECs to begin deploying local number portability (LNP) in the 100 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) no later than 10/01/97, and to complete deployment of LNP by 12/31/98, on a phased schedule. The Commission required ILECs in the top 100 MSAs to provide LNP to all telecommunications carriers, including commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers, while ILECs in other MSAs were required to implement LNP within 6 months of request. The Commission rules required all telecommunications providers to contribute to costs of administering LNP and regional databases used by carriers to provide LNP. All cellular, broadband personal communications service (PCS) and covered Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) providers were required to deliver calls from their networks to ported numbers by 12/31/98 and offer number portability throughout their networks by 06/30/99. The Commission also delegated responsibility to the North American Numbering Council (NANC) to oversee initial administration of system of regional databases. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, [First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), 11 FCC Rcd 8352 (1996). Effective 08/26/96.

08/08/96 The Commission amended § 51.5 and added §§ 51.205, 51.207, 51.209, 51.211, 51.217, 51.305(g), 51.307(e), 51.325, 51.327, 51.329, 51.331, 51.333, and 51.335. Additionally, the Commission redesignated §§ 52.1 through 52.12 to §§ 52.21 through 52.32, and added new Subparts A and B to Part 32. The new rules addressed ILEC obligations to provide their competitors with dialing parity and nondiscriminatory access to certain services and functionalities, including telephone numbers, operator services, directory assistance and directory listings. Furthermore, the new rules required ILECs to make network information disclosures. Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98; Interconnection between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, CC Docket No. 95-185; Area Code Relief Plan for Dallas and Houston, Ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, NSD File No. 96-8; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket No. 92-237; Proposed 708 Relief Plan and 630 Numbering Plan Area Code by Ameritech-Illinois, IAD File No. 94-102, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 19392 (1996). Effective 10/7/96: §§ 51.5, 51.205, 51.207, 51.209, 51.211 (in part), 51.215, and Part 52. Effective 11/15/96: §§ 51.211 (in part), 51.213, 51.217, 51.305(g), 51.307(e), 51.325, 51.327, 51.329, 51.331, 51.333, 51.335.

03/11/97 The Commission amended §§ 52.23 and 52.31, and included an implementation schedule in Part 52. Furthermore, the Commission explained that Query on Release was not an acceptable long-term number portability method. However, the Commission confirmed that ILECs need only provide number portability for another carrier within 100 largest MSAs, if that carrier has made a specific request for the provision of portability. The Commission extended deadlines in implementation for wireline carriers for Phases I and II to 03/31/98 and 05/15/98, respectively, and clarified the implementation schedule for wireless carriers, requiring cellular, broadband PCS and covered SMR providers to offer number portability throughout their networks and be able to support nationwide roaming. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, RM-8535, [First Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration](#), 12 FCC Rcd 7236 (1997). Effective 05/15/97.

04/11/97 Addressing fair and equitable distribution of toll free number, the Commission added Subpart D to Part 52. The Commission declined to require: 1) use of personal identification numbers (PINs) with some toll free numbers; 2) partitioning of toll free service; and 3) an expansion of data links to handle heavy traffic associated with introduction of new toll free codes. Toll Free Service Access Codes, CC Docket No. 95-155, Petition to Modify 888 Number Allocation Plan filed by LCI International, Inc., NSD File No. 97-10, Petition to Modify 888 Number Allocation filed by Unidial, Inc., NSD File No. 97-15, Petition to Modify 888 Number Allocation Plan filed by Consolidated Communication Telecom Services Inc., NSD File No. 97-17, [Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), 12 FCC Rcd 11162 (1997). Effective 05/27/97.

08/18/97 The Commission added § 52.26 to implement NANC's recommendations, which included: 1) that seven number portability database regions be set up with their boundaries coinciding with the

BOCs' regions and the technical specifications for these databases; 2) selection of local number portability administrators (LNPAs) and their duties, and use, on an interim basis, of regional limited liability companies already established by carriers in 7 BOC regions to manage and oversee LNP administrators; 3) that Lockheed Martin IMS and Perot Systems, Inc. serve as administrators for the regional number portability databases; 4) technical and operational standards for wireline carriers to use when providing number portability; 5) that the carrier immediately preceding terminating LEC is responsible for ensuring number portability databases are queried; and 6) permitting LECs to block calls that have not been queried to prevent impairment of network reliability. The Commission directed NANC to submit recommendations on sharing of numbering information between regional LNP database administrators and the NANPA, to develop standards and procedures for wireless carriers to use when providing number portability, and to provide national-level oversight of LNP administration. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, [Second Report and Order](#), 12 FCC Rcd 12281 (1997). Erratum (rel. Sept. 4, 1997). Effective 10/17/97.

10/09/97 The Commission amended §§ 52.7, 52.11, 52.13, 52.15 and added §§ 52.12 and 52.16. With this order, the Commission took action to ensure impartial administration and allocation of numbering resources. The Commission accepted NANC's recommendation, selecting Lockheed, as NANPA, and NECA as the NANC Billing and Collection Agent. Additionally, the Commission streamlined its administrative process of review of NANC's initial resolution of numbering disputes. The Commission concluded that the then current structure for toll free numbering administration was inconsistent with 47 U.S.C. § 251(e), and directed NANC to examine this issue and make a recommendation to the Commission regarding what entity would be the appropriate administrator for the toll free database. Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket No. 92-237, Toll Free Access Codes, CC Docket No. 95-155, [Third Report and Order](#), 12 FCC Rcd 23040 (1997). Errata (rel. Oct. 24, 1997). Effective 11/24/97.

03/31/98 The Commission amended § 52.11, which addresses the assignment of toll free vanity numbers. Toll Free Access Codes, CC Docket No. 95-155, [Fourth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order](#), 13 FCC Rcd 9058 (1998). Effective 04/03/98.

05/12/98 The Commission added §§ 52.32 and 52.33, adopting measures concerning an equitable distribution of costs of long-term LNP among telecommunications carriers. The new rules require all telecommunications carriers to pay shared costs of regional databases, based on carrier's end-user telecommunications revenues in each region. Additionally, all telecommunications carriers are required to pay their own carrier specific costs directly related to providing LNP. The new rules provided that ILECs could recover their carrier specific costs directly related to providing LNP through interstate tariff charges, either through monthly end-user charge, beginning 02/01/99, or through LNP query service charges to other carriers for which ILECs are performing database queries. Non ILECs could recover their own carrier-specific costs, directly related to providing LNP, in any lawful manner. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, [Third Report and Order](#), 13 FCC Rcd 11701 (1998). Effective 07/29/98; § 52.33(a)(1) is subject to OMB approval.

10/20/98 The Commission amended §§ 52.21, 52.27 and 52.31. In this order, the Commission clarified that LECs could not continue to use transitional LNP methods once long-term LNP methods have been used. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, [Second Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration](#), 13 FCC Rcd 21204 (1998). Effective 01/11/99.

07/14/99 The Commission consolidated four separate carrier reports into one single form - FCC Form 499 - Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet. This satisfied the contributor reporting requirements associated with the interstate TRS Fund, federal USSMs, administration of the NANP, and shared costs of long-term LNP. The Commission amended §§ 54.708, 52.16, 52.17, 52.32, 54.709, 54.711, 54.713, and 64.604. 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review - Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Services, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket No. 98 171, Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 16602 (1999). Effective 08/30/99.

03/31/00 The Commission adopted a mandatory utilization data reporting requirement, a uniform set of categories of numbers for which carriers must report their utilization, and a utilization threshold framework to increase carrier accountability and incentives to use numbers efficiently. Additionally, the Commission adopted a single system for allocating numbers in blocks of 1,000, rather than

10,000, wherever possible, and established a plan for national rollout of thousands-block pooling administration. Additionally, the Commission adopted numbering resource reclamation requirements to ensure the return of unused numbers to the NANP inventory for assignment to other carriers. Finally, the Commission mandated that carriers fill their need for numbers out of "open" thousands blocks before beginning to use numbers from new blocks to facilitate reclamation. Numbering Resource Optimization, CC Docket 99-200, [Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making](#), 15 FCC Rcd 7574 (2000). Errata (rel. July 11, 2000), Erratum (rel. Aug. 3, 2000). Effective 07/17/00.

12/29/00 The Commission revised §§ 52.15, 52.17, and 52.20, and reconsidered its decision to not apply a utilization threshold to number pooling carriers. Additionally, the Commission established a utilization threshold of 60%, which carriers must meet before receiving additional numbering resources in a given rate center; and allowed this threshold to increase by 5% per year to a maximum of 75%. Those states already using a utilization threshold that exceeded the Commission's established utilization threshold could continue to use their higher threshold (up to 75%) only where it is currently in use until it no longer exceeded the mandated threshold, at which time the states must conform to the federally mandated threshold. In addition, the Commission addressed its national framework for thousands-block number pooling administration, and concluded that the term of the Pooling Administrator would be five years rather than coterminous with the current NANPA term. Additionally, the Commission declined to adopt a transition period between the time that covered CMRS carriers must implement LNP and the time they must participate in any mandatory number pooling. Numbering Resource Optimization, Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited Action on the July 15, 1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215, and 717, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 and 96-98, [Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 99-200](#), 16 FCC Rcd 306 (2001). Errata (rel. Jan. 24, 2001). Effective: § 52.15 (f)(1)(vi) became effective 12/29/00; § 52.15 (h) became effective 05/08/01; and §§ 52.15 (g)(4) and 52.15 (k)(1) became effective 01/25/01. All other amendments became effective 03/12/01.

12/28/01 The Commission amended §§ 52.15, 52.21 and 52.19, and established a federal recovery mechanism for thousands-block number pooling costers, which allowed: price cap ILECs to recover their extraordinary carrier-specific costs through an exogenous adjustment to access charges; rate of return carriers to recover their costs in their interstate access charges in the ordinary course of business; and carriers not subject to rate of return regulation to recover their costs in any lawful manner. In order for carriers to qualify for the exogenous adjustment to access charges, the Commission required them to demonstrate that pooling results in a net cost increase rather than a cost reduction. Lastly, the order provided guidance on how the Commission would identify recoverable costs incurred for the provision of thousands block number pooling. Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementations of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket Nos. 99-200, 96-98 and 95-116, [Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200](#), 17 FCC Rcd 252 (2002). Effective 03/14/02. Editor's Note: The Commission deleted § 52.15(g)(3)(iv) in its 12/28/01 Numbering Resource Optimization III Order (FCC 01-362). However, when the Commission published the rule changes in the Federal Register (67 FR 6431) it did not reference the § 52.15(g)(3)(iv) deletion.

02/15/02 The Commission amended §52.33(a) to clarify that after ILECs have recovered their initial implementation costs of number portability through the end-user charge, any remaining number portability costs would be normal network costs recoverable under general rate-of-return and price-cap regulations. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, [Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order on Reconsideration and Order on Application for Review](#), 17 FCC Rcd 2578 (2002). Effective 07/15/02; § 52.33 (a)(3) became effective 10/22/02.

03/14/02 The Commission created a Media Bureau, Wireline Competition Bureau and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, by reorganizing the International Bureau and by further consolidating enforcement and consumer information functions. The Common Carrier Bureau was renamed the Wireline Competition Bureau and continued to be responsible for the policy programs of communications common carriers and ancillary operations (other than wireless telecommunications services). The Commission amended various sections of Parts 32, 51, 52, 54, 61, 64 and 65 of its

rules to reflect the new structure. Establishment of the Media Bureau, the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Consumer Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reorganization of the International Bureau and Other Organizational Changes, [Order](#), 17 FCC Rcd 4672 (2002). Effective 03/25/02.

07/26/02 The Commission extended the deadline for wireless providers to comply with the LNP requirements until 11/26/03. Verizon Wireless' Petition for Partial Forbearance from the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Number Portability Obligation and Telephone Number Portability, WT Docket No. 01-184 and CC Docket No. 95-116, [Memorandum Opinion and Order](#), 17 FCC Rcd 14972 (2002). Effective 07/26/02.

06/06/03 The U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, denied in part and dismissed in part CTIA's petition seeking to delay the implementation of wireless LNP. The Court found that the Commission had reasonably interpreted the statutory forbearance standards on declining to grant permanent forbearance. [Cellular Telecomm. and Internet Ass'n and Cell Co P'ship v. FCC](#), 330 F.3d 502 (D.C. Cir. 2003).

06/18/03 The Commission amended §§ 52.20, 52.21, 52.23 and 52.31, and reaffirmed its rules limiting LNP deployment in the largest 100 MSAs to switches for which another carrier had made a specific request for number portability. The Commission confirmed that carriers must make number portability available within a specified time frame upon request, and that requesting carriers must specifically ask for LNP implementation, identify the discrete geographic area covered by the request, and provide a tentative date by which the carrier expects to utilize LNP to port prospective customers. The Commission also delegated authority to state commissions to expand LNP deployment beyond the Commission's requirements, upon finding that expanded LNP implementation would be in the public interest and taking into account whether consumer demand and numbering optimization considerations justify the cost of providing LNP for small and rural telephone companies. The Commission also required carriers to participate in thousands-block number pooling in accordance with the national rollout schedule, regardless of whether they were required to provide LNP. However the Commission, created an exemption from this requirement for carriers that did not operate in competitive markets, e.g. (1) rural telephone companies that did not receive a request to provide LNP and (2) carriers in rate centers where they were the only service provider with numbering resources. Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket Nos. 99-200, 96-98 and 95-116, [Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 99-200 and CC Docket No. 95-116, and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 99-200](#), 18 FCC Rcd 12472 (2003). Effective 08/20/03.

01/16/04 The Commission granted a limited waiver of the wireline-to-wireless porting requirements for certain LECs with fewer than two percent of the nation's subscriber lines in the aggregate nationwide that operate in the top 100 MSAs. The Commission granted Two Percent Carriers a waiver until May 24, 2004, to comply with the wireline-to-wireless porting requirement. The waiver applies to all Two Percent Carriers operating within the top 100 MSAs that had not received a request for local number porting from either a wireline carrier prior to May 24, 2003, or a wireless carrier that has a point of interconnection or numbering resources in the rate center where the customer's wireline number is provisioned. Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 96-116, [Order](#), 19 FCC Rcd 875 (2004). Effective 01/16/04.

04/13/04 The Commission granted a waiver of § 52.33 to allow ILECs to recover carrier-specific costs for intermodal LNP implementation that were not included in the development of already-filed tariffed LNP end-user charges. Carriers seeking additional recovery must file cost support with their proposed tariff revision, and may not begin the new levelized end-user charge until the original 5-year recovery charge sunsets. The waiver does not apply to carriers that have not yet tariffed an LNP end-user recovery charge. Telephone Number Portability, BellSouth Corporation Petition for Declaratory Ruling and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 95-116, [Order](#), 19 FCC Rcd 6800 (2004). Effective 04/13/04.

08/21/06 The Commission as part of its 2004 biennial regulatory review, and pursuant to Section 11 of the Communications Act, amended, modified and deleted various rules administered by the Wireline Competition Bureau. Section 11 requires the Commission to review biennially its regulations that apply to the operations and activities of any provider of telecommunications service, determine whether these regulations are no longer necessary in the public interest as the result of meaningful

economic competition between providers, and if necessary, repeal or modify such regulations. The Commission amended or revised the following rules: §§ 36.2, 36.125, 36.126, 36.142, 36.152, 36.154, 36.156, 36.212, 36.214, 36.375, 36.377, 36.631, 51.213, 51.329, 51.515, 52.5, 52.11, 52.13, 52.15, 52.31, 54.201, 54.313, 54.507, 54.604, 54.623, 64.1330, and 64.1903. The Commission deleted: § 36.641, and certain terms and their definition in Part 36 Glossary, and §§ 51.211, 52.27, 52.29, 69.116, 69.117, 69.126, 69.127, and 69.612. Biennial Regulatory Review of Regulations Administered by the Wireline Competition Bureau, WC Docket No. 02-313, [Report and Order](#), 21 FCC Rcd 9937 (2006). Erratum (rel. 09/19/06). Effective 12/11/06.

11/08/07 The Commission amended sections 52.12, 52.16, 52.17, 52.21, 52.23, 52.32, 52.33, and 52.34, and extended LNP obligations to VoIP providers and the carriers that obtain numbers for them. The Commission also clarified that telephone companies may not obstruct or delay number porting by demanding excess information from the customer's new provider. The Commission concluded that LNP validation for a simple number port should be based on no more than four fields: (1) 10-digit telephone number; (2) customer account number; (3) 5-digit zip code; and (4) pass code, if applicable. The Order also restores LNP requirements on small providers that were vacated by a federal appeals court in 2005. Accompanying NPRM sought comment on other VoIP numbering issues, as well as the tentative conclusion that simple ports should be completed within 48 hours. Telephone Number Requirements for IP-Enabled Services, Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements, IP-Enabled Services, Telephone Number Portability, CTIA Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on Wireline-Wireless Porting Issues, Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, Numbering Resource Optimization, WC Docket Nos. 04-36, 07-243, 07-244, 95-116, 99-200, [Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Order on Remand, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), 22 FCC Rcd 19531 (2007), petition for review and motions for stay pending. Effective 03/24/08.

02/05/08 The Commission granted Embarq's [request](#) to waive the deadline until September 30, 2008, to comply with the Commission's [Declaratory Ruling](#) that the validation process for local number portability requests should be based on no more than four fields. The Commission, on its own motion, has also waived the deadline for all other affected companies until July 31, 2008. Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements Telephone Number Portability Embarq Petition for Waiver of Deadline, WC Docket Nos. 07-244, 95-116, [Order](#), 23 FCC Rcd 2567 (2008). Effective 02/05/08.

06/24/08 The Commission amended §§ 52.21, 52.34, 64.601, 64.605, and added 64.611, 64.613, by adopting a system for assigning traditional ten-digit telephone numbers to Internet-based TRS users. The Commission also enabled Internet-based TRS users to port their numbers from one provider to another, and placed E-911 requirements on providers of IP-based TRS. Internet-based TRS providers must notify their users of these changes, and have until the end of 2008 to comply with the new requirements. The accompanying NPRM sought additional comment on related implementation issues, including the potential application of anti-slamming protections and whether CPNI rules should apply to TRS providers. Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers, [Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), 23 FCC Rcd 11591 (2008). Effective 08/18/08.

04/29/09 The U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, denied NTCA's petition to remand to the FCC a 2003 Commission decision (18 FCC Rcd 12472 (2003)) that required all wireline carriers, including rural carriers, to institute intermodal LNP. The court disagreed with NTCA's assertion that the FCC's analysis in the LNP Order did not comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act. [NTCA v. FCC et al](#), 563 F.3d (D.C. Cir. 2009).

05/13/09 The Commission ordered all entities subject to local number portability rules to complete simple wireline-to-wireline and simple intermodal number port requests within one business day. Carriers must comply with the new interval within nine months from the date the NANC submits its revised provisioning flows to the FCC. (NANC has three months from effective date to submit). Small carriers are allowed an additional six months. No new cost-recovery provisions were included. A Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeks comment on what further steps the FCC should take to improve the process for customers to change providers. Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-244, and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, [Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), FCC 09-41 (rel. May 13, 2009). Effective 08/03/09.

05/20/10 The Commission adopted rules to require the porting of customer phone numbers to a new provider within one business day, and facilitates prompt transfers by standardizing into 14 fields the data to be exchanged when transferring a customer's telephone number between two providers. The deadline for implementing the one-business day porting is Aug. 2, 2010. For small providers, the deadline for implementing the one-business day porting interval for simple wireline and simple intermodal ports is Feb. 2, 2011. Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements, WC Docket 07-244 and CC Docket 95-116, [Report and Order](#), 25 FCC Rcd 6963 (2010). Effective July 22, 2010, except for § 52.36, which became effective 08/26/13 following Federal Register publication of OMB approval.

06/22/15 The Commission adopted rules to allow interconnected VoIP providers to go directly to numbering administrators for phone numbers, but with several conditions designed to minimize number exhaust and preserve the integrity of the numbering system. The Commission also modified its rules to permit VoIP Positioning Center providers to obtain pseudo-Automatic Number Identification. Revises §§ 52.5, 52.15, 52.16, 52.17, 52.21, 52.32, 52.33, 52.34, 52.35 and 52.36. Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, Telephone Number Requirements for IP-Enabled Services, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Connect America Fund, IP-Enabled Services, Telephone Number Portability and Numbering Resource Optimization, WC Docket Nos. 04-36, 07-243, 13-97 and 10-90; and CC Docket Nos. 95-116, 01-92 and 99-200, [Report and Order](#), 30 FCC Rcd 6839 (2015). Effective 11/30/15 except for § 52.15(g)(2) – (g)(3), which became effective 02/04/16, following Federal Register publication of OMB approval.

09/27/18 – The FCC revised rules regarding the assignment of toll free numbers, allowing the use of auctions to assign certain toll-free numbers and modernizing the administration and assignment of tollfree numbers. It revised §§ 52.101, 52.103, 52.105, 52.107, 52.109 and 52.111. Toll Free Assignment Modernization, WC Docket No. 17-192, Toll Free Service Access Codes, CC Docket No. 95-155, [Report and Order](#), 33 FCC Rcd 9274 (2018). Effective 11/23/18.

12/13/18 – The FCC revised rules to create a comprehensive database to enable callers to verify whether a telephone number has been disconnected before calling that number, thereby helping to protect consumers with reassigned numbers from receiving unwanted robocalls. It revised §§ 52.15, 52.103 and 64.1200. Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket No. 17-59, [Second Report and Order](#), FCC 18-177. Effective 03/26/19; however, compliance with §§ 52.15(f)(1)(ii)(8), 52.103(d) and 64.1200(l)(1) and (2) will not be required until the Commission publishes a notice in the FR announcing compliance dates.

Chronologies

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