

# **National Pooling Administration**

**Contract #273FCC19C0002**

## **Change Order Proposal A**

**(INC Issue 839 - Combine the  
Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) and the  
Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Administration Guidelines (TBPAAG)  
into one Document)**

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## 1 Introduction

In accordance with the terms of the Pooling Administration contract,<sup>1</sup> Somos, Inc., as the National Pooling Administrator (PA), hereby submits this change order proposal to the FCC.

In this change order proposal, the PA addresses the resolution made by members of the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) as set forth below, consistent with the terms of our contract. We respectfully request that the FCC review and approve the proposal.

## 2 Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Issue Statement

During the INC 163 meeting, INC issue 839 was resolved and went into Initial Closure on January 2, 2019. Issue 839 affects the Pooling Administration System (PAS). The official INC issue statement is copied in its entirety below and also can be found on the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) website.

INC issue 839 'Combine the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) and the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Administration Guidelines (TBPAG) into one Document' states:

*The INC created the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines in the 1990's during the transition of central office administration to the NANPA under FCC contract, and then created the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Administration Guidelines in the late 1990's, when the FCC mandated thousands-block pooling. The INC has continued to maintain the two sets of Guidelines to address the processes for the separate NANP resources due to the different assignment procedures, different timelines, and different Number Administrators contracted by the FCC.*

*Although there are separate processes for central office codes versus thousands-blocks, there are also many similarities in administration and there are also processes that involve both codes and blocks. The INC has been discussing the administrative efficiencies that would be gained by combining the two sets of Guidelines, and reached consensus at the January 25-26, 2017 meeting to move forward with the combination of the COCAG and TBPAG.*

*The combination of the Guidelines should include updating Glossary terms and definitions as needed.*

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<sup>1</sup> FCC Contract for Pooling Administration Services, Contract No. 273FCC19C0002, dated November 1, 2018 (Contract). See Section 2.5.4 (Modification of Guidelines), Technical Requirements Document, Attachment 1 to the Contract.

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### **3 Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Resolution Statement**

*INC combined ATIS-0300051, Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) and ATIS-0300066, Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Administration Guidelines (TBPAAG) into a single document, the Thousands-Block and Central Office Code Administration Guidelines (TBCOCAG). The purpose of this combination is to streamline the Guidelines and make them more user friendly. The TBCOCAG will go into Initial Pending awaiting FCC Change Orders from the NANPA and the PA to be approved and implemented to update the associated forms in the NAS and PAS.*

### **4 Proposed Solution**

In addition to INC combining the COCAG and TBPAAG into a single document, the Thousands-Block and Central Office Code Administration Guidelines (TBCOCAG), INC also modified the existing forms: Part 1, Part 1A, Part 1B, Part 3, Part 4, Part 4 PA, Part 5, and Appendices, which are attached hereto as Appendix A.

As a result of combining the guidelines and changes to the INC forms, including updating the form title, instructions and footnotes, the PA will need to modify the PAS to reflect those changes. These system changes include: updates to the forms residing in PAS, existing PAS screens, email notifications generated from PAS, and PAS reports.

### **5 Assumptions and Risks**

Part of the Pooling Administrator's assessment of this change order is to identify the associated assumptions and consider the risks that can have an impact on operations.

This change order only affects PAS, and not the day-to-day operations of the PA.

Since these changes also impact the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC), the PA will need to coordinate the implementation of this change order with both NANPA and NPAC.

### **6 Cost**

The cost to modify PAS to conform to the requested changes will be \$X.

### **7 Conclusion**

Somos, as the PA, hereby seeks the FCC's approval for this Change Order proposal. Upon approval by the FCC, the PA will notify the industry that it is accommodating this scope of work change order.