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Dear Ms. Ginsburg:

By this letter, the Office of the Managing Director and Wireline Competition Bureau provide clarification of the FCC's Order implementing the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and Adoption of Rules Governing Applications or Requests for Benefits by Delinquent Debtors as it applies to the administration of numbering resources in the United States.

In the Debt Collection Order, the FCC adopted a so-called "red light rule." The red light rule requires that "anyone delinquent in any non-tax debts owed to the Commission will be ineligible for or barred from receiving a license or other benefit until the delinquency has been resolved by payment in full or by the completion of satisfactory arrangements for payment." Further, the Commission determined that it would "withhold action on applications or other requests if payment of the delinquent debt is not made or other satisfactory arrangement for payment is not made." Finally, the Commission amended its rules to require that action be withheld on such applications or requests for benefits by entities delinquent in debts other than application or regulatory fees.

We issue this letter to clarify that the definition of "benefit" under the FCC's rules is meant to include the assignment of numbering resources. Specifically, we direct NeuStar, acting as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator, to withhold numbering resources from any entity identified by the FCC as not having paid or made satisfactory arrangement for payment of any debts owed to Commission.

Please contact Cheryl Callahan of WCB or Regina Dorsey of OMD should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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