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Re: DT 10-211, Petition Requesting Approval of a Relief Plan for the 603
Numbering Plan Area
Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 27, 2010 following the pre-hearing conference in the above-captioned docket, Commission Staff and other interested parties met in a technical session. As a result of that technical session, Staff presents the following for the Commission's consideration.

By November 30, 2010, Staff, the intervenors, and other interested parties are to file with the Commission their suggestions for ways to extend the life of the existing 603 area code. Although there was general agreement that if relief for the existing area code is necessary, implementing an area code overlay is preferable to an area code split, the OCA requested that it be given time to consult with its Advisory Board on the matter before committing to a position. The OCA stated that it would report the results of that consultation on December 7, 2010.

On December 17, 2010 at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Staff shall host a technical session, via conference call, at which the submitted plans for extending the life of the 603 area code will be discussed. At that time, Staff also intends to determine whether, in fact, there is agreement on the proposal to provide relief through an overlay. Following the technical session on December 17, a further schedule of events will be determined for the remainder of the docket.

The NeuStar petition in this docket advises that it will take 17 months of industry preparation prior to implementing a new area code. Assuming area code relief must be implemented in the second quarter of 2013, the parties urge the Commission to issue a

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final order on the preferred resolution, whether an overlay or an area code split, by the end of September 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Fossum', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew J. Fossum
Staff Attorney