FCC Approves iconectiv’s Local Number Portability Administrator Contract
iconectiv and NAPM Cleared to Move Forward with NPAC Transition

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – July 25, 2016 – iconectiv, announced today that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has provided final approval of the contract for iconectiv to serve as the new Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA) for all seven of the U.S. Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) regions.

“We are pleased to have received regulatory approval for the LNPA contract. While we have been planning for the transition for some time, we are glad to officially move the transition process forward,” said Richard Jacowleff, President and CEO of iconectiv. “We appreciate the tremendous work of the North American Portability Management, the Transition Oversight Manager, the North American Numbering Council, and many leading voices from across the telecommunications industry who have actively participated in this process. In particular, I would like to thank the Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC and their dedicated and hardworking staff for all the work they have done to bring the selection and contracting process to a close.”

“This new NPAC system will include best-in-class technology and security while providing number portability at a fraction of the current cost,” Jacowleff added.

The new modern, cost-efficient and secure NPAC will have the same functionality as the current system and will be completely compatible with existing gateway systems. iconectiv already has a dedicated team in place to implement a smooth transition. In the coming weeks more information will be shared about the transition process with all NPAC users, including all service providers, law enforcement, and public safety organizations.

The North American Numbering Council (NANC) and the North American Portability Management (NAPM) recommended to the FCC that iconectiv be selected as the new LNPA after a long and thorough process conducted by the NANC, and the NAPM, and overseen by the FCC. This process included extensive commentary and engagement with the public, the telecommunications industry, and state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies. The FCC adopted an order in March 2015 instructing the NAPM to initiate contract negotiations with iconectiv to serve as the new LNPA, subject to the FCC’s final review of the contract. With the FCC’s final approval, the parties can now move forward to final execution of the contract.

A leader in number portability solutions, iconectiv has successfully deployed numbering solutions in 21 countries around the globe and has been a long standing part of the U.S. telecommunications landscape, including the number portability ecosystem since its inception.
Following the transition to the new NPAC, iconectiv will manage the Number Portability Administration Center/Service Management System (NPAC/SMS). The NPAC/SMS is the central platform that supports the secure and efficient porting of telephone numbers to allow customers to keep their telephone numbers when switching communications service providers. Thousands of wireline, wireless, VoIP and cable service providers, and hundreds of law enforcement agencies and 911 public safety answering authorities in the U.S. depend on this central, common and authoritative database for numbering services. In addition, hundreds of businesses that engage in telemarketing rely on the number porting data to remain in compliance with federal regulations.

About iconectiv
At iconectiv, we envision a world without boundaries, where the ability to access and exchange information is simple, secure and seamless. As the authoritative partner of the communications industry for more than 30 years, our market-leading solutions enable the interconnection of networks, devices, and applications for more than one billion people every day. Working closely with private, government and non-governmental organizations, iconectiv has intimate knowledge of the intricacies and complexities of creating, operating, and securing the telecommunications infrastructure for service providers, regulators, enterprises and content providers. iconectiv provides network and operations management, numbering, registry, fraud and revenue assurance and messaging solutions to more than 1,000 customers globally.

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