



Interconnected VoIP Providers – Direct Access to Numbers

VoIP Numbering Authorization:

Effective February 18, 2016, the FCC started accepting applications from interconnected VoIP providers that desire to obtain VoIP numbering authorization.

30-Day Notice to State:

After FCC authorization is granted, an interconnected VoIP provider that is ready to apply for numbers must send a notice to those states from which it intends to request thousands-blocks and/or central office codes. The information required in that notice to the state is described in 47 CFR § 52.15 (g) (3).

The Industry Numbering Committee (INC) has created a template for a 30-day state notification. This template can be found by accessing the Thousands-Block (NPA-NXX-X) & Central Office Code (NPA-NXX) Guidelines (TBCOCAG-Appendix B) located on the ATIS website at <https://atis.org/committees-forums/inc/documents/>

Although most states will accept the INC template, states may have created their own process for the 30-day notice. Refer to the **30-Day Notification Regulatory Contact and Information** located on the CO Codes/Thousands-Blocks page.

Applying for numbering resources after the 30-Day Notice:

An interconnected VoIP provider must have an Operating Company Number (OCN) in order to apply for numbering resources. The OCN must be associated with a NECA Company Code (OCN) Category Type of “IPES” for Internet Protocol Enabled Services.

To request an OCN, contact the NECA at www.neca.org to request an OCN.

When the interconnected VoIP provider is ready to submit an application for a thousands-block or CO code, the applicant will need to provide (1) evidence of the authorization issued by the FCC, (2) proof that the 30-day notice was received by the state commission (such as a date stamped filing or email receipt from the state commission), and (3) evidence that facilities are in place or will be in place to provide service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date [LERG™ Routing Guide (LERG) effective date]. Please note that the types of facility readiness evidence, as stated in FCC 15-70, ¶137, can be:

1. A combination of an agreement between the interconnected VoIP provider and its carrier partner and an interconnection agreement between that carrier and the relevant local exchange carrier (LEC) or:
2. Proof that the interconnected VoIP provider obtains interconnection with the PSTN pursuant to a tariffed offering or a commercial arrangement (such as a TDM-to-IP or a VoIP interconnection agreement) that provides access to the PSTN.