FCC Orders Forfeiture Payments From Carriers Failing to Report Actual or Forecast Number Usage

Washington, DC, May 10, 2002. Section 52.15(f) of the Commission's rules requires semiannual reporting of actual and forecast number usage by U.S. carriers receiving numbering resources from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA"), a Pooling Administrator, or another telecommunications carrier. Reporting is accomplished by filing FCC Form 502, the North American Numbering Plan Numbering Resource Utilization/Forecast ("NRUF"), with the FCC twice annually. The NRUF reports are due on or before February 1 and on or before August 1 of each year. See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(f)(6).

The FCC has become increasingly aggressive in enforcing this reporting requirement. Specifically, last week the FCC ordered a number of carriers to forfeit to the United States the sum of \$6,000 for willfully violating the these requirements of the Commission's Rules. Thus, your careful attention to this reporting requirement is well advised.

If you would like additional information on this issue, the FCC's forfeiture orders, or on any of the FCC's other rules or reporting requirements, please do not hesitate to give us a call.