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**Before the**  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of Carolina Digital Phone Inc.	)	
	)	WC Docket No. 20 - _____
For Authorization to Obtaining Numbering	)	
Resources Pursuant to Section 52.15(g)(3)(i)	)	
of the Commission's Rules	)	

**APPLICATION OF CAROLINA DIGITAL PHONE INC.**  
**FOR AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN NUMBERING RESOURCES**

Carolina Digital Phone Inc. (“Carolina Digital” or “Company”), pursuant to Section 52.15(g)(3)(i) of the Commission’s Rules, respectfully requests authorization to obtain numbering as described below.

Under the Commission’s *Numbering Order*,<sup>1</sup> an interconnected VoIP provider may obtain numbering resources from the Numbering Administrator upon a showing that it is authorized to provide service in the area for which the numbering resources are requested. Such authorization may be obtained upon an application to the Commission containing the information detailed in Section 52.15(g)(3)(i)(A)-(G) of the Commission’s Rules. Carolina Digital hereby requests the Commission to grant it that authorization. In support of this application, Carolina Digital provides the following information:

**I. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 52.15(g)(3)(i)**

**A. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(A)**

Name:	Carolina Digital Phone Inc.
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	Greensboro, NC 27401
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Website:	<a href="https://carolinadigitalphone.com/">https://carolinadigitalphone.com/</a>

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<sup>1</sup> Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, et al., WC Docket No. 13-97, et al., Report and Order, FCC 15-70 (rel. June 22, 2015) (2015 Numbering Order).

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Contact For Regulatory Requirements, Compliance, 911 and Law Enforcement:

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B. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(B)

Carolina Digital hereby acknowledges that authorization to obtain numbering resources under Section 52.15(g) of the Commission's Rules is subject to compliance with applicable Commission numbering rules as well as to the numbering authority delegated to the states. The Company hereby also acknowledges that this authorization is subject to compliance with the industry guidelines and practices regarding numbering, as applicable to telecommunications carriers. The numbering resources that are the subject of this Application will be used to provide interconnected VoIP services initially in North Carolina, however the Company anticipates that it will provide interconnected VoIP service nationwide, and accordingly, will request numbers from other states in turn after its initial request in North Carolina. Accordingly, to the extent required, Carolina Digital requests the Commission grant it authority to obtain numbering resources in all states.

C. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(C)

Carolina Digital acknowledges that it must file requests for numbers with the relevant state commission(s) at least 30 days before requesting numbers from the Numbering Administrators.

D. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(D)

Carolina Digital hereby sets forth its capability to provide service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date. Carolina Digital has an agreement in place with a nationally recognized carrier partner, which has interconnection agreements in effect with all relevant incumbent local exchange carriers, in order to route traffic. A copy of this agreement is attached as *Exhibit A* to this application. Carolina Digital respectfully requests this agreement be accorded confidential treatment, pursuant to § 0.459 of the Commission's rules.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Company has developed an integrated back office support system with the ability to schedule and process LNP orders from customers, and has

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<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459. The agreement contains trade secret information that is not publicly available, the disclosure of which would cause economic harm to Carolina Digital Phone.

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staff experienced in handling Local Number Portability between itself and other carriers and interconnected VoIP providers.

E. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(E)

Carolina Digital hereby certifies that it will comply with its Universal Service Fund contribution obligations under 47 CFR part 54, subpart H, its Telecommunications Relay Service contribution obligations under 47 CFR § 64.604(c)(5)(iii), its North American Numbering Plan and Local Number Portability Administration contribution obligations under 47 CFR §§ 52.17 and 52.32, its obligations to pay regulatory fees under 47 CFR § 1.1154, and its 911 obligations under 47 CFR part 9.<sup>3</sup>

F. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(F)

The Company certifies that it has the financial, managerial, and technical expertise to provide reliable service. It is financially stable, led by a strong, experienced management team with substantial managerial experience in the telecommunications industry, and has sufficient technical expertise and infrastructure in place to provide reliable service. Carolina Digital's key management and technical personnel are listed below, and more information concerning the managerial and team is included in ***Exhibit B***. None of the identified personnel are being or have been investigated by the Commission or any law enforcement or regulatory agency for failure to comply with any law, rule, or order.

G. § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(G)

Carolina Digital hereby certifies that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

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<sup>3</sup> Carolina Digital Phone's 499 Filer ID is 829591

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### **II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDITIONS IN SECTION 52.15(g)(3)(iv)**

As required by Section 52.15(g)(3)(iv), Carolina Digital will maintain the accuracy of all contact information and certifications in this application, and will file a correction with the Commission and each applicable state within 30 days of any changes. Carolina Digital will also furnish accurate regulatory and numbering contact information to each state commission when requesting numbers in that state.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to Section 52.15(g)(3)(i) of the Commission's Rules, Carolina Digital Phone Inc. respectfully requests the Commission grant this application for authorization to obtain numbering resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
CAROLINA DIGITAL PHONE INC.



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Date: September 25, 2020

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**Exhibit A**  
**Interconnection Agreements**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAROLINA DIGITAL PHONE INC  
AND  
CARRIER PARTNER**

**Filed Confidentially under seal  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459**

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### **Exhibit B**

#### **Managerial Information**

Carolina Digital's key management and technical personnel are listed below. None of the identified personnel are being or have been investigated by the Commission or any law enforcement or regulatory agency for failure to comply with any law, rule, or order.

##### **NICKY SMITH**

Nicky Smith is the President of Carolina Digital Phone Inc. Well-known within the technology and telecommunications industries, Smith has more than 30 years of experience in a wide range of technologies including computer programming, database architecture and design, consulting sales of technology services, engineering, network administration, data center implementation, router configuration for large scale BGP networks, and a range of Internet based applications. In the early 1990s Smith was a pioneer in building a large statewide dialup internet access network that was utilized by thousands of commercial businesses, government agencies and school systems. In early 2000 Smith grew a startup website design and hosting company later to grow into the Interconnected VoIP business he oversees today. Being a nature leader Smith built from a startup a fully geo-redundant cloud-based telephone company with three data centers and 100% uptime for mission critical government agencies, enterprise customers and school districts many with complex call center applications.

##### **RANDY WILLIAMS**

Randy Williams is the General Manager and Director of Operations of Carolina Digital Phone Inc. Randy has been a veteran in the telecom industry for almost 38 years. He started in 1982 as the Telecommunications Manager for a large regional insurance company where he handled troubles as well as add, move, change request for phones, Audix voice mail, ACD groups and Programmed AT&T system 85, completed x-connects for telephone set installations. In 1997 he was recruited by a CLEC where for 17 years he worked as Project Coordinator for the first seven years before being promoted to Manage a team of Project Coordinator's.

##### **SAMANTHA BUGGE**

Samantha Bugge is the Project and Porting Director at Carolina Digital Phone Inc. Samantha has been in the telecommunications industry for 5 years. She started her career with Inteliquent as an LNP Specialist working on porting numbers for customers. She worked on large projects porting thousands of numbers at a time. She was also in charge of training new employees and creating training content. Samantha obtained new numbers from the Number Administration when customers requested supplies outside of Inteliquent's number inventory. Currently Samantha works with new customers turning up their numbers porting from other carriers. She provides excellent customer service. Samantha is a sales liaison and makes sure new projects move smoothly through the porting process.

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**Declaration**

Nicky Smith, under penalty of perjury deposes and states as follows:

1. My name is Nicky Smith. I am President and CEO of Carolina Digital Phone Inc.
2. I have reviewed the information set forth in the Company's Application to Obtain Numbering Resources to which this declaration is attached.
3. The statements set forth in Carolina Digital's Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



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Nicky Smith, President & CEO  
Carolina Digital Phone Inc.

Dated: September 25, 2020