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The Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP) and the Credit Card Association of the Philippines (CCAP) filed their respective petitions for the deferment of the implementation of NTC Memorandum Circular No. 04-07-2018 or the migration of 7-digit to 8-digit landline numbers in the Area Code "02".

Area Code "02" was scheduled to migrate from 7-digit to 8-digit on 18 March 2019 in the following covered areas:

- 1) Metro Manila;
- 2) Rizal Province;
- 3) San Pedro, Laguna; and
- 4) Bacoor, Cavite.

The BAP's and CCAP's principal reasons for the deferment were as follows:

- a) Reprogramming of Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals and supporting network access controllers;
- b) Reprogramming of auto-dialers for sales and collection systems as well as onsite alarm systems;
- c) Reconfiguration of regional applications and channels;
- d) Updating of client phone numbers and period for rigid testing and validation prior to full migration;
- e) Requirement for intensive and expansive information campaign for clients especially those overseas, including updating banks' marketing collaterals on requisite hotlines; and
- f) Compliance with rules and regulations of regulatory agencies, *i.e.* Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

BAP and CCAP initially requested for deferment of the implementation to January 2020. Extensive consultations were conducted between the Commission, public telecommunications entities (PTEs), BAP and CCAP. After the consultations, the Commission, PTEs, BAP and CCAP agreed to implement the required migration on 06 October 2019.

In order to sufficiently allow banks and credit card companies to implement the necessary operational and system adjustments, the Commission hereby grants BAP's and CCAP's prayer and hereby **DEFERS** the implementation of migration to **06 OCTOBER 2019**.

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