

North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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Subject: NANP - Introduction of New 473 (Grenada) Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

At the request of its government, Grenada has been assigned a new NPA code: 473. Grenada will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 473 NPA, i.e., the 473 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers. Grenada will depart from the 809 NPA when the 473 NPA is implemented as described below. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. Grenada Telecommunications Limited (GRENTEL), on behalf of the Government of Grenada, will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes (NXXs) within the 473 NPA.

The introduction of the new 473 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday, October 31, 1997. The permissive dialing period will end at 11:59 PM EST on Saturday, October 31, 1998. During the permissive dialing period either 809 or 473 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 473 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed to Grenada NXXs with the 809 NPA will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on November 1, 1997 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all new NXXs activated in Grenada will be assigned in the new 473 NPA code only. These new NXXs may be duplicates of NXXs already assigned in the 809 NPA, and calls directed to these new NXXs in Grenada must be dialed with the new 473 NPA code to avoid being routed to another destination in the Caribbean.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 473 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to November 1, 1997. Test calls to verify routing to the new 473 NPA can be made by dialing 473-440-4933. The test number will be operational from within the 473 NPA on August 1, 1997. It is not expected the test number can be reached from outside the 473 NPA until shortly before the beginning of permissive dialing. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected on November 1, 1998.

In the event that calls cannot be completed to the test number, please contact one of the following GRENTEL representatives between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST: Michael Joseph, Switching Engineer, at 809-441-2355 (voice) or 809-444-1000 (fax), or Andrew Millet, IMC Engineer, at 809-441-2217 (voice) or 809-440-4134 (fax). To report troubles after the scheduled hours above, please contact 809-440-1000 for assistance.

Attached is a map of Grenada and the area of the Caribbean covered by the new 473 NPA. The current NXXs that will be moving to the 473 NPA are listed on the map.

The dialing plan for the new 473 NPA will remain the same, namely:

- All home NPA (HNPA) local calls will be dialed on a 7-digit basis with no prefix, i.e., NXX-XXXX (7 digits).
- All foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls to other destinations in the NANP area (i.e., overseas) will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits, i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- All operator assisted calls within the NANP area, including credit card, collect, and third party calls, will be dialed with a "0" prefix followed by 10 digits, i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (0 + 10 digits).

Operational questions concerning the introduction of the 473 NPA may be referred to Derick F. Sylvester, Statistical Clerk, Marketing Department, GRENTEL, at 809-441-2244.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 908-699-6612.

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