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Subject: Extraordinary NPA-Specific Jeopardy Conservation Procedures Announced for 603 NPA

(New Hampshire)

NANPA CO Code Administration advises that the 603 NPA has number demand that has increased beyond normal forecasts and is in jeopardy of exhausting prior to when relief can be provided. According to the *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines* (document INC 95-0407-008, revision September 18, 1998), "A jeopardy condition exists when the forecasted and/or actual demand for NXX resources will exceed the known supply during the planning/implementation interval for relief." The purpose of this announcement is to provide the extraordinary NPA-specific conservation measures as defined in Section 9.5 of *the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines* which have become necessary for the 603 NPA.

All remaining codes in the 603 NPA will be rationed through the New Hampshire NXX Code lottery process established January 26, 1999, until relief is provided in accordance with the respective NPA relief plan. The attached document, 603 NPA Extraordinary Jeopardy Procedures, describes the lottery process.

Per the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (document INC 95-0407-008, revision September 18, 1998), Section 9.4 B:

"Upon the receipt of the notice of the jeopardy situation from the Code Administrator, each code holder *must* review their forecast and demand data and provide the information to the Code Administrator within 30 days using the 'Jeopardy COCUS' form (Appendix E)."

Questions concerning the relief of the 603 NPA should be directed to Wayne Milby, Senior NPA Relief Planner, at 804-795-5919. Questions concerning the extraordinary NPA-specific conservation procedures should be directed to Cecilia Louie, NANPA CO Code Administrator, at 925-363-8708.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be addressed to Rose Breidenbaugh on 202-756-5779.

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- 1) These extraordinary jeopardy procedures will begin March 1999. This is the first "rationing month" using these procedures. These procedures were reached by industry consensus on January 26, 1999 via a conference call.
- 2) A minimum of seven (7) NXX codes will be available for assignment each month. This is the "base allocation." The base allocation number will be revisited no later than January 31, 2000 to determine if any change is required.
- 3) Any part of a base allocation that is not assigned in a rationing month will carryover to the following rationing month. "Carryover" plus "base allocation" determines the quantity of codes available for assignment in any given month. This is the "monthly assignable NXXs."
- 4) An operating company number (OCN) may submit no more than seven (7) new "Part 1" code requests for any given rationing month. These requests are to be specified as 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, choice. Any additional requests will be denied. Carriers holding multiple OCNs may only request codes under one OCN per industry segment..
- 5) The NANPA CO Code Administrator must receive the "Part 1" by the 5th business day of the code rationing month no later than 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time. This is the "submission deadline."
- 6) Applicants have a window of approximately 30 days in which to submit code requests: from after the close of one month's submission deadline up to the close of the next month's deadline. This is the "submission interval."
- 7) Requests to reserve an NXX code will not be accepted while these extraordinary procedures are in effect; any Part 1 requesting a code reservation will be denied.
- 8) Part 1 code requests are to be submitted to: *Florence Weber Facsimile: 925-363-8743; E-mail: florence.weber@nanpa.com Mailing address: NANPA CO Code Administration, 1800 Sutter St., Suite 570, Concord CA 94520, ATTN: Florence Weber; Phone: 925-363-8708.
- 9) The following requirements must be fulfilled by each month's submission deadline in order for a code request to be eligible to participate in the code rationing process:
 - a) The Part 1 code request data must be complete and accurate.
 - b) An applicant's OCN (Operating Company Number) must be a valid NECA-assigned number.
 - c) The entity name provided for an applicant's OCN must match that shown by Bellcore Traffic Routing Administration (TRA) in the Routing Database System (RDBS).
 - d) Companies "doing business as" another company must have a "d/b/a" memo on file with the NANPA CO Code Administrator specifying affected company names and OCNs.
 - e) All code applicants must have a Jeopardy COCUS on file with the NANPA CO Code Administrator.
 - f) Requests for a "growth" code must be accompanied by a Months to Exhaust (MTE)

Worksheet.

- *Please Note: The Code Administrator Contact Information has changed.
- 10) If the total number of eligible requests received from all OCNs by the submission deadline is equal to the number of codes available for assignment in the rationing month, each request will receive a code.
- 11) If the total number of eligible requests received from all OCNs by the submission deadline is less than the number of codes available that month, each request will receive an NXX. Code quantities not assigned will 'carryover' for assignment in the following month.
- 12) If the total number of eligible requests received from all OCNs by the submission deadline is greater than the number of codes available for assignment that month, then codes will be allocated in the following manner:
 - a) If the total number of OCNs submitting eligible requests is equal to the number of available codes, each OCN will receive one code which will be assigned to the 1st choice request. All requests for a 2nd and 3rd (FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, ETC.) code will be denied.
 - b) If the total number of OCNs submitting eligible requests is less than the number of available codes, each OCN will receive at least one NXX. The Code Administrator will conduct a lottery to determine which OCN(s) will receive the code(s) still available for assignment that month. (Note: No OCN will receive a 2nd NXX until each eligible OCN has received a 1st code; no OCN will receive a 3rd NXX until each eligible OCN has received a 2nd code, etc.)
 - c) If the total number of OCNs submitting eligible requests is greater than the number of available codes, the Code Administrator will conduct a lottery to determine which OCNs receive a code assignment. Only 1st choice requests will be entered into the lottery. All 2nd and 3rd choice requests will be denied. The remaining OCNs without a code assignment will receive a priority number assigned via lottery to determine the order in which they will receive their one code in the subsequent month(s). Future code applications by OCNs in subsequent month(s) will be processed after priority code OCNs have been given their one code.
- 13) Lottery, if required, will be held on the 7th business day of the month. The first lottery would be held on March 9th, 1999. Subsequent lotteries would be held on April 9th, May 11th, June 9th, 1999 etc.
- 14) The effective date for codes assigned in any given rationing month will be a minimum of 66 calendar days after the submission deadline. Requests for expedited code activation will only be allowed if they meet Central Office Code Transition Task Force (COCTTF) guidelines.

- 15) The code administrator will provide each applicant with a Part 3 Response by the 10th business day for new code requests and will send Part 3 Responses for the priority code requests within the first 5 workdays of the month.
- 16) New carriers that submit code requests (in an overlay NPA scenario) will receive one code from the 'new entrant' pool that has been created for them. Subsequent to this receipt of their first code, the carrier would then participate with the existing carriers under the extraordinary jeopardy procedures in obtaining a code.
- 17) At such time, if National Jeopardy Procedures are established, the industry would reconvene to determine the disposition of these procedures.
- 18) NPA 603 Thousand Block Administration Protocol
- i. Service providers will continue to operate within the existing national Central Office (CO) Code Assignment Guidelines and/or any Code Jeopardy procedures agreed to by the Industry. This includes, but is not limited to, a service provider's ability to request additional NPA NXX codes from the Code Administrator when projected customer demand will exhaust the existing TN inventory within 6 months in a code jeopardy situation, the preparation of the required supporting documentation (i.e., Appendix B), and the certification that an NXX code request is in compliance with all requirements outlined in the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, Code Jeopardy procedures and the TN assignment principles included herein.
- ii. Service providers will set aside in a "holding" category (i.e. restrict from assignment in their TN assignment/administration systems) all vacant thousands blocks. A vacant thousands block is defined as a block within which all TNs are available for assignment. Telephone numbers unavailable for assignment, as defined in the draft guidelines¹ include:
 - A) Numbers that are working with customers;
 - B) Numbers assigned to pending service orders;
 - C) Numbers classified as "Soft Dial Tone":
 - D) Numbers in the aging period;
 - E) Reserved Numbers;
 - F) Test Numbers;
 - G) Wireless Dealer numbering pools;
 - H) Wireless Temporary Local Directory numbers (TLDN); and,
 - Wireless E911 Routing Numbers (pseudo-ANI or Emergency Services Routing Digits).

In addition, numbers available in resale ordering systems would not be available. These numbers are held for assignment when carriers place resale orders.

- iii. Service providers will not add to their inventory of available TNs from the holding category for each rate center until there is insufficient inventory to meet six (6) months of projected customer demand. However, if a service provider is unable (via any practicable method, manual or mechanized) to utilize TNs among multiple switches within a rate center, then the 6 month TN inventory will be determined per switch. The six (6) months of projected customer demand will be determined by analyzing the historical demand trends for business and residential customers, seasonal requirements, and volatile growth patterns of certain products and services (e.g. DID, Centrex, new services), per rate center or switch, whichever is applicable.
- iv. Service providers will release numbering resources in thousand number blocks from the "holding" category to the "available" category as required in order to maintain the 6 months inventory supply or to meet a specific customer requirement. Examples of a specific customer requirement would be the need for sequential thousands blocks, a particular number series, or a bona fide customer request for a specific number.
- v. At the time telephone number pooling is implemented in a specific rate center, LNP capable service providers will analyze the thousands blocks residing in their "holding" category as well as any qualified contaminated block for contribution to an industry telephone number pooling inventory pool in accordance with the final national telephone number pooling guidelines.
- 19) To the extent any item in these extraordinary jeopardy procedures are reconsidered and there is no consensus, there is a consensus to continue these procedures as stated herein.