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Subject: Overlay of 718 (New York) Numbering Plan Area (NPA); New NPA 347

As a result of substantial number growth in New York, the 718 NPA is nearing exhaust. The relief plan, approved by the New York Public Service Commission, calls for an overlay in which a new NPA, 347, will overlay the 718 NPA. The attached map illustrates the 718 and 347 NPA configuration after the NPA overlay.

In preparation for the overlay, permissive dialing of 1 + 10 digits on calls within the 718 NPA began on April 1, 1999. The overlay is currently scheduled to occur on October 1, 1999. Applications for central office codes in the 347 NPA will be accepted, but effective dates must be on or after October 1, 1999.

After October 1, 1999, the proposed dialing plan for the 718 and 347 NPAs will be as follows:

- Intra-NPA local calls may be dialed as either 7-digits, NXX-XXXX or as 1+10-digits, 1+NPA+NXX+XXXX.
- All inter-NPA calls originating from either the 718 or 347 NPA will be dialed as 1+NPA+NXX+XXXX.
- All operator-assisted calls such as collect, third-party or calling-card will be dialed as 0+NPA+NXX+XXXX.
- Emergency (911), Directory Assistance (411), and Feature Group "B" 950-XXXX services will be dialed in the 347 NPA in the same manner as they are dialed in the 718 NPA.

Note that regulatory and legal issues affecting the dialing plan are still pending. The dialing plan described above is based on a waiver to the FCC policy that requires 10-digit dialing of all calls in an overlay. The FCC waiver extension (NSD File No. L-98-03 paragraph 5) states that "the NYDPS may activate" NPA "347 as an all-services area code overlay in the 718 NPA, but delay, temporarily,

implementing ten-digit dialing in all the NPAs at issue until no later than April 15, 2000." Pending final resolution of this issue, please note that the requirement for 10-digit dialing is postponed indefinitely.

The 347 NPA Overlay will be geographically associated with the Rate Zones that comprise Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island.

All carriers interconnecting to the Bell Atlantic public switched network are required to route their calls with 10-digit trunk translations for the 347 and 718 NPAs. The Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) will be updated to reflect this by the August update, and all carriers must complete their conversion of existing trunk translations to 10-digits by 8/31/99.

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 347 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to October 1, 1999. Test calls to verify routing to the new NPA code can be made to test number 347-682-9901, which will be effective September 3, 1999. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement.

Any questions or comments regarding the 347 NPA dialing plan should be directed to John Chomyak, Bell Atlantic Senior Engineer, on 212-285-7354, or Barry Duncan, Bell Atlantic Engineering Manager, on 410-736-6642. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Rose Breidenbaugh, on 202-756-5779.

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