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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)

Subject: NPA 878 to Overlay NPAs 412 and 724 (Pennsylvania)

On January 19, 2000, the Pennsylvania telecommunications industry reached consensus to implement a relief plan consisting of an all services multiple overlay of the existing 412 and 724 NPAs. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has assigned 878 as the relief NPA code to serve the affected area. A map depicting the area served by the 878, 412 and 724 NPAs is attached.

In preparation for the implementation of the 878 NPA, permissive 10-digit dialing within and between the 412 and 724 NPAs will begin on July 17, 2000 at 12:01 a.m. (EST). Mandatory 10-digit dialing within and between the 412 and 724 NPAs will occur on July 12, 2001 at 12:01 a.m. (EST). The earliest code activation date for central office codes assigned in the 878 NPA will occur on August 17, 2001.

Coincident with the activation of the new 878 NPA on August 17, 2001, the dialing plan for the 412, 724 and 878 NPAs will be as follows:

- All calls within and between the 412, 724 and 878 NPAs may be dialed as 10 digits (NPA+NXX+XXXX) or as 1 + 10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX), consistent with the existing dialing plan in eastern Pennsylvania and surrounding states.
- All calls to other NPAs must be dialed as 1+10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX).
- Operator-assisted, third-party, and credit-card calls must be dialed as 0 + 10 digits (0+NPA+NXX+XXXX).

Bell Atlantic has volunteered to provide a telephone number in the 878 NPA for testing purposes. Beginning April 15, 2001, test calls to verify routing can be made by dialing 878-553-TEST (8378). The test number will be available until August 1, 2002. A recorded announcement will indicate successful completion of the call. Additionally, all international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 878 NPA can be translated throughout their networks prior to April 15, 2001.

Following the implementation of the 878 NPA, NANPA will assign any remaining central office codes in the 412 and 724 NPAs on a first-come, first-served basis before assigning central office codes in the 878 NPA. Any jeopardy rationing procedures in effect for either the 412 or 724 NPAs will be discontinued upon implementation of the 878 NPA.

General questions concerning relief of the 412 and 724 NPAs may be directed to Frank Colaco, NeuStar – NPA Relief Planning – Eastern Region, on 973 740-9100. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA project coordinator of each respective service provider.

