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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)

Subject: Deferral of the 445 and 835 Overlay NPAs (Pennsylvania)

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On December 2, 1999, the Pennsylvania telecommunications industry (industry) reached consensus to implement a relief plan consisting of two separate all services overlays of the existing 215/267 and 610/484 NPAs. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) assigned 445 and 835 as the relief NPAs to serve the affected areas. At that time the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) chose not to open a docket to review the industry's consensus recommendation.

On May 18, 2000, the industry reached a consensus on a comprehensive implementation plan. Under the plan, the two new overlay codes would be effective on May 1, 2001

On March 8, 2001, the Commission issued Order P-00961071F0002. The highlights of the order are as follows:

1. The Commission concluded that the utilization levels and number of available NXX codes in the existing NPAs do not require the activation of the new overlays on May 1, 2001. The Commission believes that the new overlay NPAs should not be activated until three months to NXX code exhaust in the existing NPAs (215/267 and 610/484).
2. NANPA is to provide the Commission monthly updates on the projected exhaust dates for the 267 NPA and the 484 NPA, beginning when each NPA is within ten months of exhaust.
3. The Commission will inform all telecommunications carriers when either the 267 NPA or the 484 NPA is three months away from exhaust. The Commission will ensure that all carriers, including non-pooling carriers, will have non-discriminatory access to numbers when needed to meet customer demand.
4. All telecommunications carriers are directed to continue and complete all remaining network preparation to their systems that is necessary to implement the new NPAs.
5. Telecommunications carriers are to suspend all consumer education programs regarding the introduction of the new 445 and 835 NPAs. If a carrier has begun its consumer education program, that carrier should mail out a bill

insert informing its customers that the introduction of the new overlay NPAs has been postponed. Carriers will not commence their customer education program in either the 267 NPA or the 484 NPA until the Commission informs them that the existing area code will exhaust within three months.

Refer general questions about this relief activity to Sandra Bocclair, NANPA, on 804-730-3772. Specific questions should be directed to the appropriate service provider.