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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)

Subject: Rationing in NPAs 410, 443 and 667 (Maryland)

On January 3, 2001, the Public Service Commission of Maryland in Case No. 8853 issued an Order No. 76681 approving an all-services distributed overlay as the relief method for the 410 and 443 NPAs that serve eastern Maryland. NANPA assigned the 667 NPA code for this purpose. (See PL-266)

The in-service date for the 667 NPA, and the earliest code activation date for central office codes assigned in the 667 NPA, will be the date of exhaust of the 410/443 NPAs. That is currently anticipated to occur during the third quarter of 2002. The date certain will be set three months before exhaust.

On August 28, 2001, the Public Service Commission of Maryland issued a notice continuing the current pre-NPA relief rationing plan for six months after the relief plan implementation in accordance with the FCC's delegated authority. In light of the Commission's stated intent to exercise its authority, rationing will be continued at the rate of thirteen codes per month until six months after the relief plan is implemented.

General questions concerning the relief activity described in this letter may be directed to Wayne Milby, NeuStar – NPA Relief Planning – Eastern Region, on 804-795-5919. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA project coordinator of each respective service provider.