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 Related Previous Planning Letters: None

General Description

On March 3, 2009 the Alabama Public Service Commission in its order of Docket 31095, approved an all services overlay as the relief method for the 256 NPA. The 256 NPA generally covers the north eastern portion of the state and serves communities such as Anniston, Florence, Gadsden and Huntsville. The new 938 **NPA** will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 256 NPA.

Implementation of Relief Plan

Implementation of the overlay of the 938 NPA is as follows:

	Time	Date
Start of permissive 10-digit dialing.	12:01 AM Central	November 7, 2009
End of permissive dialing and start of mandatory 10-digit dialing	12:01 AM Central	June 5, 2010
Earliest new NPA central office code activation date *	-	July 10, 2010
Earliest date central office codes in the new NPA may be ordered through NANPA	-	January 10, 2010

* Effective Date of the New 938 NPA

During the permissive dialing period, subscribers may dial local calls within the overlay area on either a 7-digit or 10-digit basis, but will be encouraged to dial 10-digits. After the permissive period ends, all calls must be dialed using 10-digits.

When preparing for overlay area code relief, carriers are strongly encouraged to prepare their switches to begin sending 10 digits prior to the mandatory 10-digit dialing conversion date for customers.

Central Office Code Listings and NPA Map

A rate center map of the 256/938 NPA overlay is attached. Since NXX information may change over time, please consult the NANPA website at www.nanpa.com, the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) or the NXX Activity Guide (NNAG) for updated information. Information in the LERG and NNAG is available by license contract from Telcordia Routing Administration (TRA), at 732-699-6700.

Dialing Plan

Coincident with the introduction of mandatory 10-digit dialing, the dialing plan for the 256 and 938 NPAs will be as follows:

Type of call	Call terminating in	Dialing plan
Local call	Home NPA (HNPA) or Foreign NPA (FNPA)	*10-digits (NPA-NXX-XXXX)
Toll call	HNPA or FNPA	1 + 10-digits (1 + NPA-NXX-XXXX)
Operator Services Credit card, collect, third party	HNPA or FNPA	0 + 10-digits (0 + NPA-NXX-XXXX)

*1+10 digit permissible at service provider discretion

Network Testing

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the 938 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to July 10, 2010. The test numbers to verify the routing to the new NPA will be in service beginning April 10, 2010 through August 10, 2010. The test numbers to verify the routing to the 938 NPA are: 938-926-2222 for LATA 476 and 938-946-4444 for LATA 477. A recorded announcement will indicate that the test call has been successfully completed.

General Information

The information in this planning letter reflects detailed information about NPA relief activities. The information has been derived from commission orders and from industry implementation decisions. The implementation of the plan described in this letter is the responsibility of individual service providers, and NANPA does not guarantee that the activities and plans will occur exactly as described herein.

Contact Information

General questions regarding the relief of the 256 NPA overlay should be directed to Wayne Milby, Senior NPA Relief Planner NANPA, on 804-795-5919. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.

Attached is a list of company and contact information that is provided to assist in the implementation of the relief plan described herein. Because this information is subject to change, NANPA cannot guarantee the completeness or the accuracy of the attached list.

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