

Number: PL – 437
Date: June 25, 2012
Subject: Suspension of 870/327 NPA Relief (Arkansas)
Related Previous Planning Letters: PL-400

General Description

On December 11, 2009 the Arkansas Public Service Commission (PSC) in its order in Docket 09-043-U, approved an all services overlay as the relief method for the 870 NPA. In response to that order, NANPA assigned NPA code 327 to overlay the northern, eastern and southern portion of the state that serves communities such as Mountain Home, Jonesboro, Pine Bluff, Monticello, El Dorado and Magnolia. A permissive 10-digit dialing period was scheduled to begin on October 20, 2012, continuing until the start of mandatory dialing on April 20, 2013. (See PL-400, issued January 25, 2010).

On February 27, 2012, NANPA revised the projected exhaust date for the Arkansas 870 NPA from 2Q2015 to 4Q2020 due to the return of central office codes. On April 23, 2012, the Telecommunications Industry reached consensus to file with the Arkansas PSC its decision that the implementation dates for the new 327 NPA overlay be suspended and that NANPA reconvene the industry approximately 24 months ahead of the projected 870 NPA exhaust or when the number of remaining central office codes available for assignment reaches 70. When the Industry reconvenes, it will set the dates for the implementation of the 327 NPA overlay and file the schedule with the PSC.

On June 22, 2012 the Arkansas PSC issued an order that finds the suspension of the existing 870 NPA relief plan is in the public interest. The existing 870 NPA Relief Plan Implementation schedule is hereby suspended. Neustar and the Industry shall file in this docket a new proposed 870 NPA Relief Plan implementation schedule at least 22 months ahead of the projected 870 NPA exhaust date.

A subsequent Planning Letter will be issued when the new implementation schedule is determined.

General questions regarding the relief of the 870 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 appropriate service provider.