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 Related Previous Planning Letters: PL-469

This Planning Letter is being issued to modify the first date a code can be ordered for the new 743 NPA.

General Description

On August 13, 2014 the North Carolina Utilities Commission, in Docket No. P-100, sub 137C, approved an all services overlay as the relief method for the 336 NPA. The 336 NPA generally covers the Piedmont area of North Carolina and includes the cities of High Point, North Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Asheboro, and High Point. The new **743 NPA** will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 336 NPA.

Implementation of Relief Plan

Implementation of the 743 NPA overlay is as follows:

	Time	Date
Start of Network Preparation and Customer Education	12:01 AM Eastern	April 25, 2015
Start of permissive 10-digit dialing.	12:01 AM Eastern	October 24, 2015
End of permissive dialing and start of mandatory 10-digit dialing	12:01 AM Eastern	April 23, 2016
Earliest new NPA central office code activation date *	-	May 23, 2016
Earliest date central office codes in the new NPA may be ordered through NANPA	-	March 18, 2016

* Effective Date of the New 743 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 336/743 NPA overlay is attached. Since NXX information may change over time, please consult the NANPA website at www.nanpa.com; iconectiv’s LERG Routing Guide or the NPA NXX Activity Guide for updated information. Information in the LERG Routing Guide and NPA NXX Activity Guide is available by license contract from Telecom Routing Administration, at 732-699-6700.

Dialing Plan

Coincident with the introduction of mandatory 10-digit dialing, the dialing plan for the 336 and 743 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)

Network Testing

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the 743 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to 05/23/2016. The test number to verify the routing to the new NPA will be in service beginning 02/23/2016 through 06/23/2016. The test number to verify the routing to the 743 NPA is: 743-743-1743. A recorded announcement will indicate 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 336 NPA overlay should be directed to Tom Foley, Senior Manager, Data Analysis-NANPA, on 571-434-5726. 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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North Carolina 336-743 NPA Overlay Rate Center Map

