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**Abstract**

This IL announces the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the Pennsylvania 215 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) beginning May 20, 1991.

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We have been advised by Bell Atlantic that central office codes of the NNX format (where N = digits 2 through 9, and X = digits 0 through 9) will exhaust in the Pennsylvania 215 NPA (Philadelphia area) during the first quarter of 1992. Accordingly, to postpone the date when a split of the NPA may become necessary, Bell Atlantic plans to introduce interchangeable central office codes and changes to the current dialing procedures in the 215 NPA on May 20, 1991.

Interchangeable central office codes refer to a change in the code format where N 0/1 X codes (i.e., those codes previously used only as NPA or Area Codes) are used as central office codes in addition to the common central office code format of NNX. Thus, interchangeable central office codes are of the NXX format. (See section 3 of "Notes on the BOC IntraLATA Networks - 1986", TR-NPL-000275, for a detailed description of interchangeable codes). The format change enables 792 central office codes to be assigned within an NPA rather than the current 640 central office codes.

In anticipation of the utilization of interchangeable central office codes in the 215 NPA after May 20, 1991, the following dialing procedures will be introduced in the 215 NPA on January 14, 1991 on a permissive basis and become mandatory on May 20, 1991.

- All home NPA (HNPA) "local" and "toll" calls will be dialed on a 7 digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digits). Dialing of 1 + 7 digits on "toll" calls will be permitted until May 20, 1991.
- All foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).

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- All operator assisted calls including credit card, collect, and third party calls (both home NPA and foreign NPA) will be dialed with a "0" prefix and 10 digits; i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX.

These new dialing procedures will be of particular interest to customers with Foreign Exchange service and private networks which dial off-network calls into the 215 NPA.

Operational questions concerning the dialing procedure changes and the introduction of interchangeable central office codes may be directed to John Bonk on 215-466-3321 or John C. Manning on (703) 974-8160.

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