This IL provides industry notification of the impending overlay of the geographic area comprising the 212 and 718 NPA's with the 917 NPA code and the transfer of the Bronx, New York and its associated central office codes to the 718 NPA. Included in this letter are:

1. The announcement that the 917 NPA code will be established as an overlay of the 212 and 718 NPAs effective January 1, 1992,

2. the announcement of the transfer of the Bronx, New York, from the 212 NPA to the 718 NPA on July 1, 1992,

3. the establishment of a permissive dialing period, extending until May 16, 1993, when either the 212 or 718 area codes may be dialed to reach Bronx, New York telephone numbers,

4. a map illustrating the new geographic configuration for the 212, 718 and 917 NPAs,


We have been advised by New York Telephone that substantial telephone number growth in the 212 NPA in New York City necessitates transferring the Bronx, New York, from the 212 NPA to the 718 NPA and introducing the new 917 NPA which will overlay the same geographic area as the 212 and 718 NPAs.

The attached map illustrates the configuration of the 212, 718 and 917 NPAs after introduction of the new 917 NPA and the transfer of Bronx, New York to the 718 NPA.

The implementation of the new 917 NPA is scheduled for 2:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, January 1, 1992. The new 917 NPA code will initially provide service for Radio Common Carriers (RCC) and limited line services. As operational support systems are upgraded to accommodate multiple NPA codes within the same central office, 917 NPA telephone numbers will be assigned to all types of line services enabling a single administrative area to be established for the 212, 718 and 917 NPAs.
NANP-Introduction of the 917 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) in New York City and Transfer of the Bronx, New York, from the 212 NPA to the 718 NPA.

Test calls to verify routing to the new 917 NPA can be made by calling 917-223-9901. This test number will become available December 5, 1991.

In addition to the establishment of the new 917 NPA code, New York Telephone will transfer the geographic area comprising the Bronx, New York, and its associated central office codes, from the 212 NPA to the 718 NPA. This transfer is scheduled for 2:00 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Wednesday, July 1, 1992. To maximize call completions and to provide a period for increasing public awareness of the transfer of Bronx telephone numbers from the 212 NPA to the 718 NPA, New York Telephone will provide a permissive dialing period starting from the above date and ending at 2:00 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Sunday, May 16, 1993. During the permissive dialing period either 212 or 718 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the Bronx, New York. After the end of the permissive dialing period, calls dialed with an incorrect NPA code, as defined in the NPA information published in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), will be intercepted and routed to an appropriate announcement.

Changes in the local exchange routing information regarding the new 917 NPA and the transfer of the Bronx, New York to the 718 NPA, based on data provided by New York Telephone, will be incorporated into the LERG and will be available August 1, 1991.

It is recommended that international carriers notify foreign entities to modify their equipment to permit calls to be made using the new 917 NPA beginning on January 1, 1992.

Customers with multifunctional premises switching systems should be made aware that equipment or routing changes may be required if they have least cost routing, special routing, or if they have toll restrictions. The implementation of the new NPA and the transfer of the Bronx 212 NPA telephone numbers to the 718 NPA would also be of interest to customers with Foreign Exchange service and private networks which dial off network into the 212 NPA or the 718 NPA.

Operational questions concerning the transfer of Bronx, New York to the 718 NPA and introduction of the new 917 NPA may be referred to Whit Clouse, New York Telephone, on 212-395-7479.

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