

NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN PLANNING LETTER

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Subject: Overlay of 212 (New York) Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

As a result of substantial number growth in New York, the 212 NPA is nearing exhaust. The relief plan, approved by the New York Public Service Commission, calls for an overlay in which a new NPA, 646, will overlay the 212 NPA. The attached map illustrates the 212 and 646 NPA configuration after the NPA overlay.

In preparation for the overlay, permissive dialing of 1 + 10 digits on calls within the 212 NPA began on April 1, 1999. The overlay is currently scheduled to occur on July 1, 1999. Applications for central office codes in the 646 NPA will be accepted, but effective dates must be on or after July 9, 1999.

After July 1, 1999, the proposed dialing plan for the 212 and 646 NPAs will be as follows:

- Intra-NPA local calls may be dialed as either 7-digits, NXX-XXXX or as 1+10-digits, 1+NPA+NXX+XXXX.
- All inter-NPA calls originating from either the 212 or 646 NPA will be dialed as 1+NPA+NXX+XXXX.
- All operator-assisted calls such as collect, third-party or calling-card will be dialed as 0+NPA+NXX+XXXX.
- Emergency (911), Directory Assistance (411), and Feature Group “B” 950-XXXX services will be dialed in the 646 NPA in the same manner as they are dialed in the 212 NPA.

Note that regulatory and legal issues affecting the dialing plan are still pending. The dialing plan described above is based on a waiver to the FCC policy that requires 10-digit dialing of all calls in an overlay. The FCC waiver extension (NSD File No. L-98-03 paragraph 5) states that “the NYDPS may activate 646 as an all-services area code overlay in the 212 NPA” and “delay, temporarily, implementing

ten-digit dialing in all the NPAs at issue until no later than April 15, 2000." Pending final resolution of this issue, please note that the requirement for 10-digit dialing is postponed indefinitely.

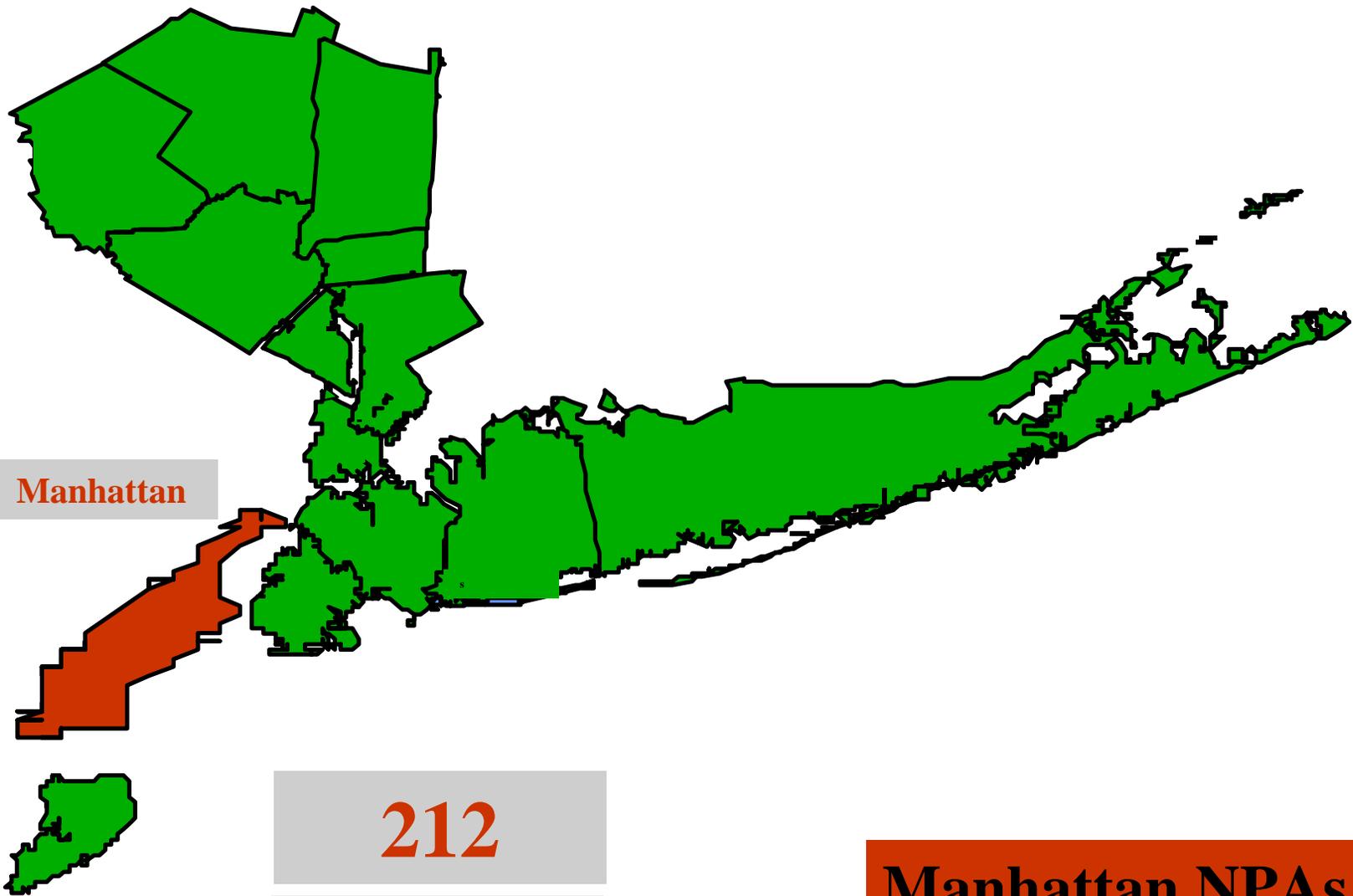
The 646 NPA Overlay will be geographically associated with the Rate Zones that comprise Manhattan in Zones 1, 2 and 3.

All carriers interconnecting to the Bell Atlantic public switched network are required to route their calls with 10-digit trunk translations for the 646 and 212 NPAs. The Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) will be updated to reflect this by the August update, and all carriers must complete their conversion of existing trunk translations to 10-digits by 8/31/99.

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 646 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to July 1, 1999. Test calls to verify routing to the new NPA code can be made by dialing 646-674-9999, effective May 19, 1999. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected at an unspecified future date.

Any questions or comments regarding the 646 NPA dialing plan should be directed to John Chomyak, Bell Atlantic Senior Engineer, on 212-285-7354, or Barry Duncan, Bell Atlantic Engineering Manager, on 410-736-6642. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Rose Breidenbaugh, on 202-756-5779.

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