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In Telecom Order CRTC 99-1141, dated 10 December 1999, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved an all-services overlay over the existing 416 NPA. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has assigned NPA code 647 for this purpose, and it will be in service as of March 5, 2001.

The new 647 NPA will serve the same geographic area as the existing 416 NPA in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. A map showing the area served by the 416 and 647 NPAs is attached.

In preparation for the introduction of the overlay, permissive 10-digit dialing will begin no later than January 8, 2001 at 00:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) (10-digit permissive dialing is already possible in NPA 416). During the permissive dialing period, subscribers in the 416 NPA may dial either 7 or 10 digits, but are encouraged to dial 10 digits (NPA + NXX + XXXX) for all local and Extended Area Service calls. All Canadian carriers operating in NPA 416 will begin introducing the 10-digit dialing automatic announcement no later than January 8, 2001, and will maintain the announcement for calls dialed on a 7-digit basis until mandatory 10-digit dialing is introduced on March 5, 2001 at 00:01 a.m. EST.

After the beginning of mandatory 10-digit dialing on March 5, 2001, an announcement will be activated for 7-digit calls, informing the subscriber that 10-digit dialing is required. The dialing plan for the 416/647 overlay area will be as follows:

- All local calls and Extended Area Service calls within the 416/647 overlay area must be dialed with 10 digits (NPA-NXX-XXXX).
- All calls within the 416 and 647 NPAs are local calls.
- Alternately billed service calls within the 416/647 overlay area must be dialed with 10 digits after the prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 647 NPA code has been activated throughout their networks prior to January 8, 2001.

Test numbers 647-340-8378 and 647-810-8378 for the NPA 647 overlay will be available effective September 8, 2000. Test calls to verify routing to the new 647 NPA can be made by dialing this number. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive respectively the following recorded announcements:

“You have successfully completed a call to the 647 Area Code Test Number at Bell Canada in Toronto, Ontario, Canada”.

“You have successfully completed a call to the 647 Area Code test Number at AT&T Canada, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.”

The Test Numbers will be disconnected after April 1, 2001.

NXX codes within the 647 NPA may be assigned to service providers after September 5, 2000, however, assigned codes cannot be activated prior to March 5, 2001.

General questions about this relief activity or central office code administration may be directed to Glenn Pilley or Suresh Khare, CNA, at 613-563-7242. Technical questions should be directed to the appropriate service provider.

**NPA 416/647 Overlay**

