On May 18, 2000, the Pennsylvania telecommunications industry reached consensus to provide relief for the existing 215 and 267 NPAs as well as the existing 484 and 610 NPAs through all services overlays. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has assigned NPA codes 445 and 835 for this purpose. Maps of the affected areas are attached.

In accordance with industry consensus, all network preparation for the implementation of the 445 and 835 NPAs will be completed by February 1, 2001 at 12:01 a.m. (EST). Ten-digit dialing is already mandatory in the area served by these codes, so no permissive dialing period is required in preparation for the overlays. The earliest code activation date for central office codes assigned in the 445 and 835 NPAs is May 1, 2001.

Coincident with the activation of the new 445 and 835 NPAs on May 1, 2001, the dialing plan will be as follows:

- All calls within and between the 445, 215 and 267 NPAs, and within and between the 835, 610 and 484 NPAs, must be dialed as 10-digits (NPA+NXX+XXXX) or as 1 + 10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX), consistent with the existing dialing plan in eastern Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

- All calls to other NPAs must be dialed as 1+10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX).

- Operator assisted, third party, and credit card calls must be dialed as 0 + 10 digits (0+NPA+NXX+XXXX).

Bell Atlantic has volunteered to provide telephone number in the 445 and 835 NPAs for testing purposes. Beginning January 1, 2001, test calls to verify routing can be made by dialing 445-355-8378 or 835-355-8378. The test numbers will be available until December 31, 2001. A recorded announcement will indicate successful completion of the call. Additionally, all international and domestic carriers should ensure that calls to the 445 and 835 NPAs can be successfully routed through their networks prior to January 1, 2001.

Following the implementation of the 445 and 835 NPAs, NANPA will assign any remaining central office codes in the 215 and 267 NPAs, and in the 610 and 484 NPAs, on a first-come, first-served basis before assigning central office codes in the new 445
and 835 NPAs. Any jeopardy rationing procedures in effect for the affected areas will be discontinued upon implementation of the 445 and 835 NPAs.

General questions concerning the relief activity described in this letter may be directed to Frank Colaco, NeuStar – NPA Relief Planning – Eastern Region, on 973-740-9100. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA project coordinator of each respective service provider.