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Subject: NPA 557 Overlay of NPA 314 – Implementation Date and Dialing Plan Change (Missouri)

On October 24, 2000 the Public Service Commission of Missouri (Commission) in Case No. TO-2000-374, approved an all-services distributed overlay as the relief method for the 314 NPA that serves northeastern Missouri (See PL-261, issued February 14, 2001). Permissive 10-digit dialing was ordered to begin on June 2, 2001, and continue through October 6, 2001, when 10-digit local dialing would become mandatory.

On April 26, 2001, the Commission issued a subsequent order revising the implementation dates of the new 557 NPA. Citing a decrease in the demand for NXXs, coupled with the success of number conservation efforts, the Commission has ordered that permissive 10-digit local dialing shall begin on January 1, 2002. Permissive dialing will continue until the beginning of mandatory 10-digit dialing, which will take place on May 5, 2002. The Commission also noted that it reserves the option to further amend the effective dates of this NPA relief, based upon updated information obtained from the industry and Commission staff in August, 2001. Any further changes to this relief plan will be communicated by NANPA in a new planning letter.

Additionally, the dialing pattern for the new 557 NPA was incorrectly stated in PL-261. On January 5, 2001, the Commission issued an order modifying the dialing plan proposed by the telecommunications industry. Specifically, the Commission raised concern that the permissive 11-digit (1+10) of local calls might be confusing to callers. The approved dialing plan for the 314 / 557 NPAs will be as follows:

- All local calls within and between the 314 and the new 557 NPA will require 10-digit dialing (NPA+NXX+XXXX)
- All toll calls will require 1+10 digit dialing (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX)
- All operator-assisted calls, including credit card, collect and third party calls will require 0 + 10 digits (0+NPA+NXX+XXXX)

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 557 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to May 5, 2002. Test calls to verify routing to the 557 NPA can be made by dialing 557-257-1111. The test number will be in service beginning from December 1, 2001 until June 5, 2002. A recorded announcement will indicate that the test call has been successfully completed.

General questions concerning the relief of the 314 NPA should be directed to George Light, NPA Relief Planner NANPA, on (708) 848-3838. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.