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North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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Subject: Introduction of North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Planning Letters

This letter introduces NANP Planning Letters, a new, streamlined format for information provided by North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) about new area codes, dialing plan changes, and other numbering plan information. This information was previously disseminated through Bellcore Letters.

Since 1984 Bellcore has provided this numbering information at no charge. Over the last year, however, our mailing list has grown to more than three thousand names, and the cost of distribution has become a sizable part of NANPA's annual budget. For that reason it is necessary to begin recovering these costs directly from the industry.

After July 1, 1996, NANP Planning Letters and copies of previously-issued Bellcore Letters on numbering topics will no longer be distributed free of charge. If you wish to receive NANP Planning Letters, you have two options:

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