



North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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Subject: NANP - Introduction of New 869 (St. Kitts and Nevis) Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has requested that a new geographic area code be assigned to St. Kitts and Nevis. As a result, NANPA has assigned the 869 NPA for this purpose. St. Kitts and Nevis will depart from the 809 NPA when the 869 NPA is implemented as described below. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. Skantel, on behalf of the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes within the 869 NPA.

St. Kitts and Nevis will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 869 NPA, i.e., the 869 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers.

The introduction of the new 869 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 12:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Tuesday, October 1, 1996. The permissive dialing period will end at 12:00 AM EST on Monday, March 31, 1997. The implementation of the 869 NPA will be similar to an NPA split, i.e., during the permissive dialing period either 809 or 869 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 869 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed with the 809 NPA to St. Kitts and Nevis NXXs will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on October 1, 1996 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all *new* NXXs activated in St. Kitts and Nevis will be assigned with the new 869 NPA. Since these new NXXs may be duplicates of NXXs already assigned in the 809 NPA, calls directed to these new NXXs in St. Kitts and Nevis must be dialed with the new 869 NPA to avoid being routed to another destination in the Caribbean.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 869 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to October 1, 1996. The test number to the new area code will be activated on September 1, 1996 and will remain operational until May 31, 1997. The test number will be as follows: 869-465-8001.

Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. Calls to report trouble reaching the test number should be directed by to 809-465-8383. An answering device will be connected to the number.

Attached is a map showing the islands and area of the Caribbean covered by the new 869 NPA and a listing of the current St. Kitts and Nevis NXXs that will be moving to the 869 NPA.

The dialing plan for the new 869 NPA will remain the same, namely:

- All home NPA (HNPA) "local" calls will continue to be dialed on a 7-digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digits).
- All Foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- All operator assisted calls including credit card, collect, and third party calls will be dialed with a "0" prefix followed by 10 digits: i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (0 + 10 digits).

Questions concerning the introduction of the 869 NPA may be referred to Gene Howell, NPA implementation coordinator, Skantel, St. Kitts and Nevis, at 809-465-1000, extension 103.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 908-699-6612.



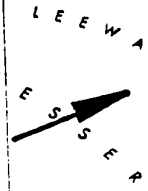
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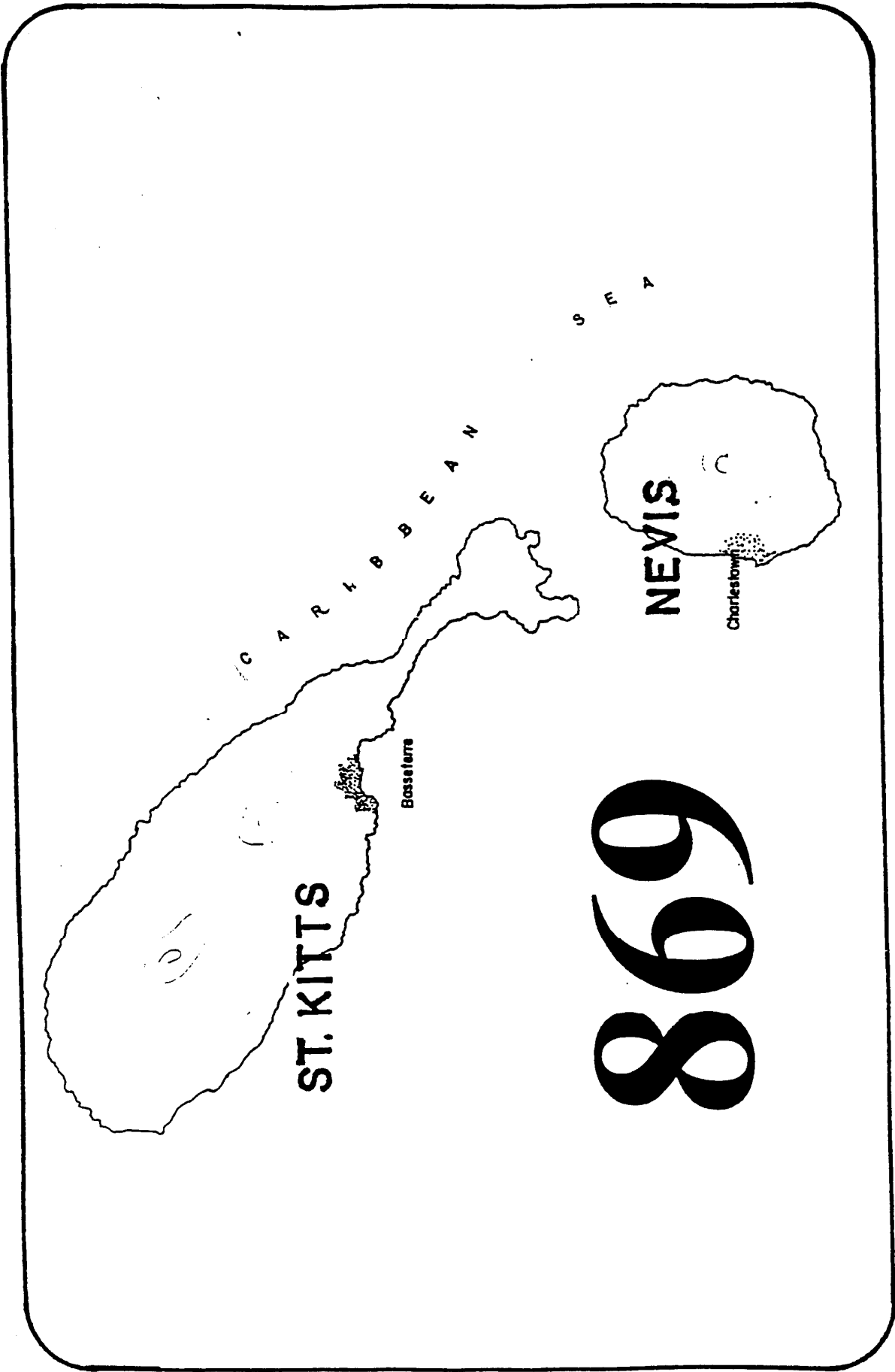
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