



## North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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At the request of its government, Jamaica has been assigned a new NPA code: 876. Jamaica will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 876 NPA, i.e., the 876 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers. Jamaica will depart from the 809 NPA when the 876 NPA is implemented as described below. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. Telecommunications of Jamaica, Ltd. (TOJ), on behalf of the Government of Jamaica, will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes within the 876 NPA.

The introduction of the new 876 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Thursday, May 1, 1997. The permissive dialing period will end at 11:59 PM EST on Saturday, November 1, 1997. During the permissive dialing period either 809 or 876 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 876 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed to Jamaica NXXs with the 809 NPA will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on May 1, 1997 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all *new* NXXs activated in Jamaica will be assigned in the new 876 NPA code only. These new NXXs may be duplicates of NXXs already assigned in the 809 NPA, and calls directed to these new NXXs in Jamaica must be dialed with the new 876 NPA code to avoid being routed to another destination in the Caribbean.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 876 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to May 1, 1997. Test calls to verify routing to the new 876 NPA can be made by dialing 876-JAMAICA (876-526-2422). The test number will be operational from within the 876 NPA on March 1, 1997. It is not expected the test number can be reached from outside the 876 NPA until shortly before the beginning of permissive dialing. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. In the event that calls cannot be completed to numbers in the 876 NPA, please contact one of the following trouble reporting numbers: 809-967-9783, (voice) or 809-967-2298 (facsimile). The test number will be disconnected on January 21, 1998.

Attached is a map showing the proximity of Jamaica in relation to the other Caribbean islands and a listing of the current NXXs in Jamaica that will be moving to the 876 NPA.

The dialing plan for the new 876 NPA will remain the same as currently used in the 809 NPA in Jamaica, namely:

- All home NPA (HNPA) "local" calls will be dialed on a 7-digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digits).

- All HNPA intra island "toll" calls will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 7 digits; i.e., 1 + NXX + XXXX (1 + 7 digits).
- All Foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls (i.e., overseas) will be dialed using a "113" access number then wait for a second dial tone, followed by a 10-digit anti-fraud authorization number (AN), a prefix "1" and then the 10-digit NANP number, i.e., 113 + AN (10 digits) + 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX.
- All operator assistance on overseas calls to destinations within the NANP will be dialed as described above, except that the prefix "0" will be used instead of "1" after the authorization number.

Questions concerning the introduction of the 876 NPA may be referred to Stephen DuQuesnay, Network Design Manager, TOJ, at 809-926-9519 (voice) or 809-968-9808 (facsimile).

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



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Caribbean (Map)

