



## North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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Subject: NANP - Introduction of New 340 (U. S. Virgin Islands) Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

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At the request of its government, the U. S. Virgin Islands has been assigned a new NPA code: 340. The U. S. Virgin Islands will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 340 NPA, i.e., the 340 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers. The U. S. Virgin Islands will depart from the 809 NPA when the 340 NPA is implemented as described below. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation (VITELCO), on behalf of the Government of the U. S. Virgin Islands, will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes (NXXs) within the 340 NPA.

The introduction of the new 340 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 12:01 AM Atlantic Time (AT) on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The permissive dialing period will end at 11:59 PM AT on Tuesday, June 30, 1998. During the permissive dialing period either 809 or 340 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 340 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed to the U. S. Virgin Islands NXXs with the 809 NPA will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on June 1, 1997 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all *new* NXXs activated in the U. S. Virgin Islands will be assigned in the new 340 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 the U. S. Virgin Islands must be dialed with the new 340 NPA code to avoid being routed to another destination in the Caribbean.

Because of the short NPA activation notice provided by the U. S. Virgin Islands, callers should be aware that some difficulties may be encountered in placing calls using the 340 NPA until all carrier networks have been appropriately modified. All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 340 NPA has been activated throughout their networks *as soon as possible*. Test calls to verify routing to the new 340 NPA can be made by dialing 340-715-1234. The test number will be operational from within the 340 NPA on May 18, 1997. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected on July 30, 1998. In the event that calls cannot be completed to the new 340 NPA, this information should be reported to 809-775-7160.

Attached is a map of the U. S. Virgin Islands and the area of the Caribbean covered by the new 340 NPA. The current NXXs that will be moving to the 340 NPA are also attached.

The dialing plan for the new 340 NPA will remain the same, 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 inter-island calls (calls between the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John) will be dialed on a 7-digit basis with no prefix and are considered EAS, i.e., NXX-XXXX (7 digits).
- All foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls to other destinations in the NANP area will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits, i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- All operator assisted calls within the NANP area, 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).
- All direct dialed calls to destinations outside of the NANP area will be dialed with the "011" international access code followed by the country code, city code, and the local number.
- All operator assisted calls to destinations outside of the NANP area will be dialed with the "01" international access code followed by the country code, city code, and the local number.

Questions concerning the implementation of the new 340 NPA should be directed Lena Steele Williams, NPA Implementation Coordinator, VITELCO, at 809-775-7160 (voice) or 809-775-1649 (fax).

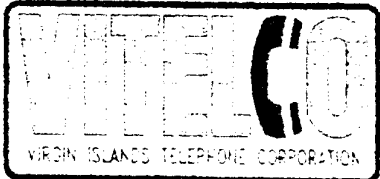
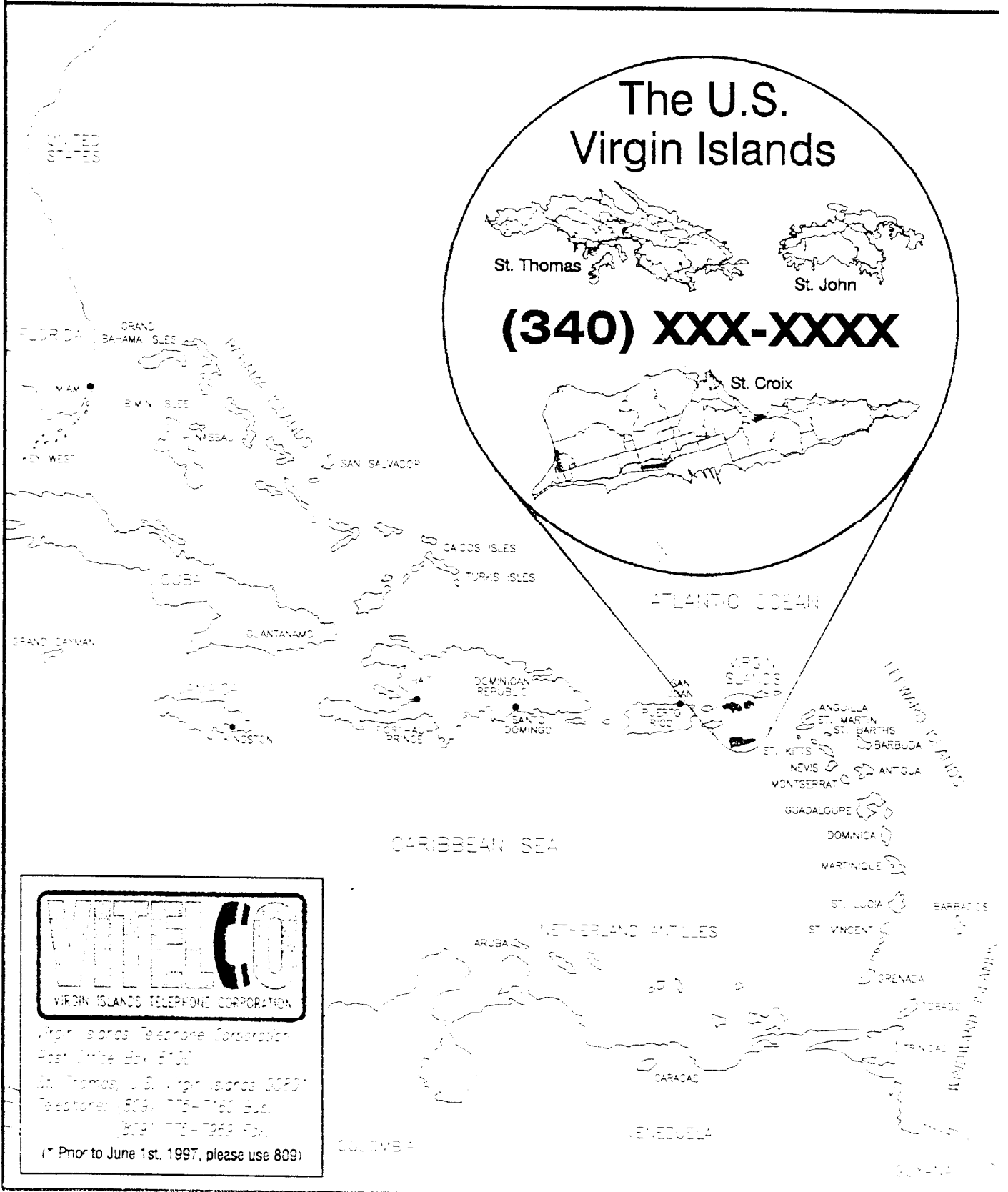
Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 908-699-6612.



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# U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AREA CODE CHANGE

From June 1, 1997, the new U.S. Virgin Islands Telephone Area Code is **340**



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St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801  
Telephones (809) 778-7160 Ext.  
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(\* Prior to June 1st, 1997, please use 809)

U.S.V.I. NXXs  
NPA 809  
October 29, 1996

The following NXXs will be transferred from NPA 809 to NPA 340.

<u>NXX</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
513	Cellular One
690	Cellular One
692	VITELCO
693	VITELCO
712	VITELCO
713	VITELCO
714	VITELCO
715	VITELCO
719	VITELCO
770	VITELCO
771	Vitel Cellular
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