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Subject: NANP-Overlay of 770 and 404 Numbering Plan Areas (NPA) in Georgia

We have been advised by BellSouth that substantial telephone number growth in Atlanta, Georgia necessitates the activation of an additional NPA to serve this area. The relief plan approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission calls for a general purpose overlay, and NANPA has assigned the 678 NPA code to Georgia for this purpose. In the NPA overlay plan, the new 678 NPA will overlay both the 404 and 770 NPAs and will become effective on January 6, 1998. As is inherent in the definition of an overlay, the 678 NPA will share the same geographic boundaries as the combined 404 and 770 NPAs, as illustrated on the attached map. Telephone numbers in the current 404 and 770 NPAs will not be affected or changed by the implementation of the overlay.

In preparation for the introduction of the overlay code and mandatory 10-digit local dialing for the Atlanta metropolitan area, a permissive dialing period will begin immediately, during which subscribers will be encouraged to dial 10 digits (i.e., NPA + NXX + XXXX) for all local calls both within and between the 404 and 770 NPAs. Beginning January 1, 1998, all local calls within and between the NPAs involved in the overlay will require 10 digits.

A "permissive" period from November 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 has been established for carriers who terminate calls to BellSouth switches in the 404 and 770 NPAs. During this period of time, carriers may continue to terminate calls to applicable BellSouth central offices using translations in place prior to December 31, 1997. CAUTION: Beginning January 1, 1998, at 12:01 AM, the permissive period ends. Other than for a few exceptions, translations which currently allow NPA 404 and 770 calls to be dialed and completed on a 7-digit basis will be removed from the BellSouth switches. This will result in call blocking if a carrier's switch translations have not been changed accordingly. At that time, BellSouth will also begin terminating calls to other companies' switches in NPAs 404 and 770 on a 10-digit basis.

After the beginning of mandatory 10-digit dialing on January 1, 1998, the dialing plan for the 404, 678, and 770 NPAs will be as follows:

- All home NPA (HNPA) and foreign NPA (FNPA) local calls will be dialed on a 10-digit basis without a prefix, i.e., NPA + NXX + XXXX (10 digits).
- All HNPA and FNPA toll calls, i.e., calls that generally incur an extra charge, will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits, i.e., 1 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- All operator-assisted calls, including credit card, collect, and third party calls, will be dialed with a "0" prefix and 10 digits, i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 678 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to January 6, 1998. Test calls to verify routing to the 678 NPA can be made by dialing the following test

number, effective December 1, 1997: 678-666-9999. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be discontinued after March 31, 1998.

Requests for central office code (NXX) assignments in the new 678 NPA may be submitted to the BellSouth CO Code Administrator via facsimile at 404-524-2918, beginning November 1, 1997. These codes will become effective no sooner than January 6, 1998.

Questions concerning the implementation of the overlay may be directed to Justin Pratt, BellSouth, at 770-391-3999, or to the NPA Code Administrator, Stan Washer, BellSouth, at 205-977-2668.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, at Bellcore, at 732-699-6612.



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