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Subject: Additional Changes to the Split of 508 & 617 NPAs (Massachusetts)

We have been advised by Bell Atlantic - North, the Code Administrator for the 508 and 617 NPAs, that the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (MDPU) has made additional changes in the NPA relief plans for the 508 and 617 NPAs. Details of the 508 and 617 NPA splits were previously published in Bellcore Planning Letters PL-NANP-068, PL-NANP-069 and PL-NANP-095. This PL supplements, but does not replace, those documents.

The MDPU has approved the extension of the permissive dialing period for the relief of 508 and 617 NPAs to February 1, 1998. The previous order called for the end of permissive dialing on January 1, 1998. The full mandatory dialing period will now begin on April 1, 1998 and last through May 1, 1998. NXX codes in the new 781 and 978 NPAs will begin to be activated on May 1, 1998 per the original order.

The revised schedule for the relief of 508 and 617 NPAs is as follows:

Five Month Permissive Dialing Period:	September 1, 1997 through February 1, 1998
Phase-in of Mandatory Dialing:	February 1, 1998 through April 1, 1998
Mandatory Dialing Period:	April 1, 1998 through May 1, 1998
Activation of 781 & 978 NXX's:	May 1, 1998

Bell Atlantic - North Code Administration notes that in addition to dialing cross-NPA local calls from Massachusetts with just 10 digits (without a prefix "1"), the MDPU has ordered that these calls will also be dialable with a prefix "1" plus NPA-NXX-XXXX (i.e., 1 + 10-digits). This is true for cross-NPA local calls originated in all Massachusetts area codes, including the 413 NPA.

Questions regarding these changes may be directed to Eileen Rush, Bell Atlantic - North NPA Relief Project Manager, at 617-743-3294.

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



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