

North American Numbering Plan Administrator Announces Plan for Additional Area Code in Alabama

“659” Overlay Code Assigned to the Western Central Area of Alabama

August 20, 2018 – STERLING, Va. – [Neustar](#), Inc., serving in its capacity as the FCC’s North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), announced today that an additional area code, 659, has been assigned to overlay the existing 205 area code that serves the western central geographic area of Alabama.

The Alabama Public Service Commission has approved an area code overlay to ensure the availability of telephone numbering resources in a manner that is most efficient and least confusing for consumers, while minimizing possible disruption to consumers and businesses. The new 659 will cover the same geographic area as the 205 area code. All existing customers will retain the 205 area code and will not need to change their telephone numbers. NANPA will facilitate a meeting with the Alabama telecommunications industry to develop an implementation plan. Ten-digit dialing will be required by all customers after the new 659 area code is placed in service over the 205 geographic area.

For more information on the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, visit [here](#). For more information about area code relief planning, visit [here](#).

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