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Abstract  
This IL is to inform the *telecommunications* industry of the approval at the INC of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines and associated application forms, which includes an implementation timeline. Key provisions of the guidelines are included along with procedures for applying for 555 line numbers and *grandfathering* request procedures for current uses of 555 line numbers.

Letter Information (includes safety liability disclaimer (if applicable), ordering information, originator's signature information)

The Industry Numbering Committee (INC) has approved guidelines for the assignment of line numbers in the 555 NXX. The assignment guidelines will become effective on July 8, 1994. The attached document (INC 94-0429-002) contains the assignment guidelines and associated application forms. Entities interested in obtaining the assignment of 555 line numbers are urged to review the criteria for number assignment as set forth in the guidelines as well as the implementation timeline described below.

Key provisions of the 555 guidelines include the following:

- 555 line numbers are intended to be used for the provisioning of public information services within geographic Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs), or area codes.
- 555 line numbers will be assigned either on a national or non-national basis. National assignment means that a 555 line number holder may use that number in any NPA in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) area. A non-national assignment means the 555 line number may be used in a specific geographic area by one entity and the same 555 line number may be assigned and used by other entities in other geographic areas.
- Applicants may apply initially for up to five 555 line numbers.
- A block of 100 numbers has been reserved as fictitious non-working numbers for use by the entertainment and advertising industries.

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**Implementation Timeline**

The following implementation timeline has been established in applying for 555 line numbers prior to July 8, 1994:

- a. Requests for grandfathering of existing uses of 555 line numbers may be submitted anytime before June 17, 1994. At the end of this period, the administrator will provide, upon request, a list of the 555 line numbers that have been grandfathered to avoid requests for 555 line numbers in NPAs where the grandfathered numbers are in use.
- b. On June 17, 1994, a three-week open enrollment period will begin during which applications for 555 line numbers (except those grandfathered) may be submitted to the administrator, who will accumulate the requests. No assignments will be made during this three-week period. This is to provide an equal opportunity for entities to request any number in the 555 NXX and to identify any multiple requests for the same 555 line number.
- c. On July 8, 1994, the open enrollment period expires and numbers requested during this period will be assigned as described below.
- d. Applications for 555 line numbers received after July 8, 1994 will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with multiple requests for the same number assigned by a random selection process, as specified in the guidelines.

**Disposition of Requests Made During the Open Enrollment Period**

If multiple requests for the same 555 line number are received by the administrator during the open enrollment period, these requests will be treated as follows:

- a. The parties requesting the same 555 line number will be asked if they will abide by a random selection process. If all parties agree, then the number will be assigned by random selection.
- b. If all parties requesting the same 555 line number do not agree to a random selection process, a 60-day period will begin in which the administrator will communicate with all parties encouraging that they reach agreement on the assignment and informing them that at the end of the 60 days the issue will be referred to the appropriate regulatory bodies, if necessary. The 60-day period can be extended if the involved parties are making progress and all agree that additional time to reach agreement is needed. An arbitration or mediation process initiated by the parties might take place during the 60-day period if agreed to by the parties.
- c. If agreement has been reached by all parties on the assignment of the 555 line number, the administrator will make the assignment providing all but one request are withdrawn.

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- d. Any number requests involved in this process are to be counted as part of the five 555 line numbers for which an entity may apply.

#### Grandfathering of Current Uses

The number 555-1212 will be considered unassignable for any purpose other than directory assistance services as provided by interexchange and local exchange carriers. Current uses of 555 line numbers (other than 555-1212) may be grandfathered as non-national numbers providing they are in active tariffed service or otherwise provided with regulatory approval. Entities using these numbers must apply to the administrator for assignment no later than June 17, 1994 for them to be assigned. Applicants for grandfathering of current uses of 555 line numbers must supply the following to the administrator:

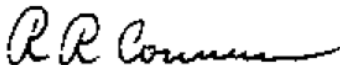
- A completed 555 NXX Assignment Request Form, Part 1 and Part 3.
- A cover letter to the administrator noting that the application is a grandfathering request for a 555 line number.

#### Application Procedures

All requests for 555 line number assignments should be submitted to:

Director - NANP Administration  
290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue  
Room 1B-233  
Livingston, New Jersey 07039  
201-740-4645  
201-740-6860 FAX

Questions or concerns related to these guidelines or procedures may be directed to Jim Deak on 201-740-4594.



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