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Abstract

This IL provides industry notification of the introduction of a new 242 NPA for the Bahamas.

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The government of the Bahamas has requested that a unique area code be assigned to accommodate specific telecommunications requirements. As a result, NANPA has assigned a new 242 NPA for this purpose. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the Caribbean countries currently in the 809 NPA. The government of the Bahamas will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes (NXXs) and other matters within the 242 NPA.

The Bahamas will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 242 NPA, i.e., the 242 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers.

The implementation of the 242 NPA will be similar to an NPA split, i.e., there will be a permissive dialing period during which either the 809 or 242 NPA will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 242 NPA. The beginning of the permissive dialing period for the 242 NPA will take place at 12:01 AM EDT on Tuesday, October 1, 1996. The permissive dialing period will end at 12:01 EST on Monday, March 31, 1997. After the permissive period, calls dialed with an incorrect NPA code, as defined in the NPA split information published in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), will be routed to intercept. The Bahamas NXXs formerly in the 809 NPA will be returned to the 809 NPA assignment pool at the end of the permissive period.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 242 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to October 1, 1996. Test numbers to the new area code will be activated by the Bahamas Telecommunications Corp. (Batelco) and will be operational on July 1, 1996. The test numbers will be as follows: 242-356-0000, 242-393-0000 and 242-352-0000. Calls successfully completed to any of these test numbers will receive a recorded announcement. The test numbers will be disconnected on March 31, 1997.

The attached map illustrates the 242 NPA configuration. Also attached is listing of the NXXs to be served by the 242 NPA.

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The dialing plan for the new 242 NPA will remain the same as the previous 809 NPA dialing plan:

- All home NPA (HNPA) calls will be dialed on a 7 digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digits).
- All HNPA direct dialed "toll" calls (generally calls that incur an extra charge) will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + HNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- All foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- 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 (0 + 10 digits).

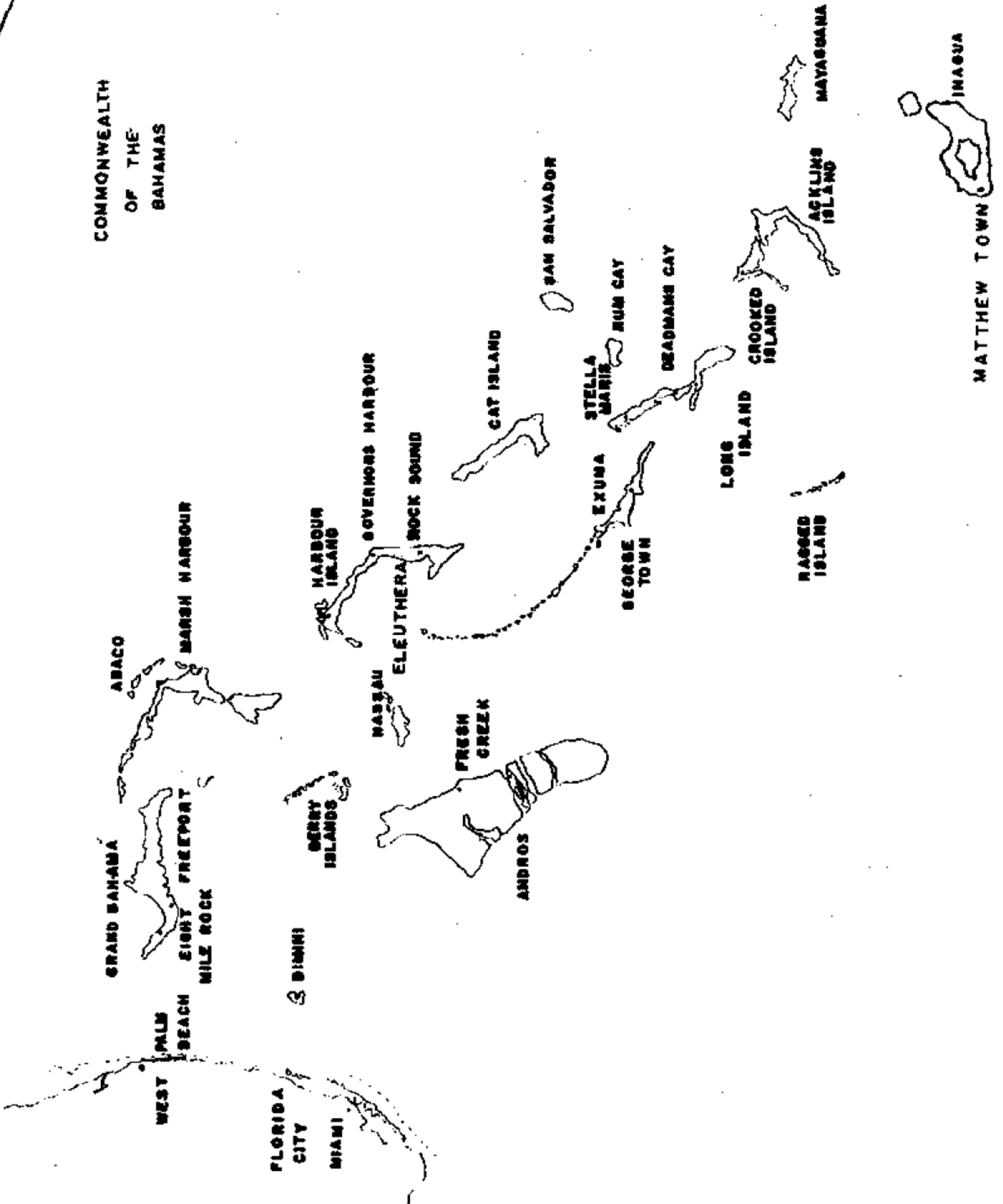
Operational questions concerning the introduction of the 242 NPA may be referred to David Hanna, Batelco, on 809-323-4911, or Cedric P. Farquharson, Batelco, on 809-323-4911.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to achieve the widest possible industry distribution and may be reproduced for further distribution as needed. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Belcore, at (908) 699-6612.



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**CODES ACTIVATED IN THE BAHAMAS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION NETWORK**

NXX OFFICE CODES

BAHAMA ISLANDS

302	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
321	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
322	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
323	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
324	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
325	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
326	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
327	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
328	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
329	ANDROS ISLAND
331	RUM CAY/SAN SALVADOR
332	ELEUTHERA ISLAND
333	ELEUTHERA ISLAND
334	ELEUTHERA ISLAND
335	ELEUTHERA ISLAND
336	EXUMA ISLAND
337	LONG ISLAND
338	LONG ISLAND
339	MATTHEW TOWN, INAGUA
341	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
342	CAT ISLAND
344	CROOKED/RAGGED & ACKLINS
345	EXUMA ISLAND
346	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
347	BIMINI ISLAND
348	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
349	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
351	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
352	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
353	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
354	CAT ISLAND
355	EXUMA CAYS

NXX OFFICE CODES

BAHAMA ISLANDS

356	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
357	CELLULAR
358	EXUMA ISLAND
359	CELLULAR
361	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
362	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
363	PARADISE ISLAND
364	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
365	ABACO ISLAND
366	ABACO ISLAND
367	ABACO ISLAND
368	ANDROS ISLAND
369	ANDROS ISLAND
373	GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
377	AIRPORT (WINDSOR FIELD)
392	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
393	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND
394	NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND