

NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN PLANNING LETTER

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Subject: Elimination of 713/281 (Houston, TX) Split Line and introduction of Overlay NPA 832

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Code Administration has notified NANPA that the Texas Public Utility Commission has ordered area code relief for the 713 and 281 Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs) serving Houston, Texas. The relief will simultaneously eliminate the boundary between the 713 and 281 NPAs, thereby creating an overlay, and introduce a third area code, 832, to overlay the **geographic area** encompassing the 713 and 281 NPAs.

Specifically, the split line between the 713 and 281 NPAs will be eliminated on January 16, 1999. The new 832 NPA will be introduced as an overlay on the same date.

Permissive 7 or 10 digit local dialing of local calls has been in effect since the 713/281 split in 1996, and will continue until January 16, 1999, when mandatory 10 digit dialing begins. There will be no change to toll dialing, which required "1" plus ten digit dialing.

After January 16, 1999, the dialing plan for the 713, 281 and 832 NPAs will be as follows:

- All home and foreign NPA local calls will be dialed on a 10-digit basis without a prefix, i.e., NPA + NXX + XXXX.
- All home and foreign NPA 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.
- All operator-assisted calls, including credit card, collect, and third party calls, will be dialed with an "0" prefix and 10 digits, i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX.





All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 832 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to January 16, 1999. Test calls to verify routing to the 832 NPA can be made by dialing the following test number, effective November 1, 1998: 832-936-1111. A recorded announcement will indicate that the test call has been successfully completed.

Questions concerning the relief of the 713, 281 and 832 NPAs should be directed to Bill Adair, Southwestern Bell Code Administrator, on 913-676-1539. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Rose Breidenbaugh, on 202 756-5779.

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HOUSTON AREA 713 / 281 NPA SPLIT WITH EXCHANGES & WIRE CENTERS



	713 AREA CODE
	281 AREA CODE
	COUNTY LINES & WATERWAYS
	NEW 713 BOUNDARY

Scale in Miles

