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Subject: Overlay of 703 (Virginia) Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

As a result of substantial number growth in Northern Virginia, the 703 NPA is nearing exhaust. The relief plan, approved by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, calls for an overlay in which a new NPA, 571, will overlay the 703 NPA. The attached map illustrates the 703 and 571 NPA configuration after the NPA overlay. As is inherent in the definition of an overlay, the 571 NPA will share the same geographic boundaries as the 703 NPA and all calls made from that geographic area will require mandatory 10-digit dialing. The attached map details the geographic boundaries of the 703 NPA. Telephone numbers in the current 703 NPA will not be affected or changed by the implementation of the overlay. The overlay of 703 with 571 is forecasted to exhaust in 7.2 years.

In preparation for the overlay, permissive dialing of 10 digits on calls within the 703 NPA begins on June 1, 1999. The overlay is currently scheduled to occur on March 1, 2000. After March 1, 2000, the proposed dialing plan for the 703 and 571 NPAs will be as follows:

- All home NPA (HNPA) and foreign NPA (FNPA) local calls will be dialed on a 10-digit basis without a prefix, i.e., NPA + NXX + XXXX (10 digits.)
- 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 a "0" prefix and 10 digits, i.e., 0 +NPA + NXX + XXXX.

All carriers interconnecting to the Bell Atlantic public switched network are required to route their calls with 10-digit trunk translations for the 571 and 703 NPAs. The Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) will be updated to reflect this by the August update, and all carriers must complete their conversion of existing trunk translations to 10-digits by 8/31/99.

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 571 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to February 1, 2000. Test calls to verify routing to the new NPA code can be made by dialing 571-594-TEST (571-594-8378) effective February 1, 2000. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected at an unspecified future date.

Any questions or comments regarding the 703 NPA relief effort should be directed to Mary Siegel, Bell Atlantic Implementation Coordinator, on 410-736-6270, or Barry Duncan, Bell Atlantic Engineering Manager, on 410-736-6642. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Rose Breidenbaugh, on 202-756-5779.

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Virginia 703 NPA Relief

703 and 571
Area Code
Overlay Area

