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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)
Subject: NPA 872 To Overlay NPAs 312 and 773
NPA 464 To Overlay NPA 708
NPA 331 To Overlay NPA 630

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), in Docket 98-0847, has approved an all-services overlay over the 312 and 773 NPAs, an all-services overlay over the 630 NPA and an all-services overlay over the 708 NPA. NANPA has assigned NPA codes 464 for the 708 NPA, 331 for the 630 NPA and 872 for the 312 and 773 NPAs.

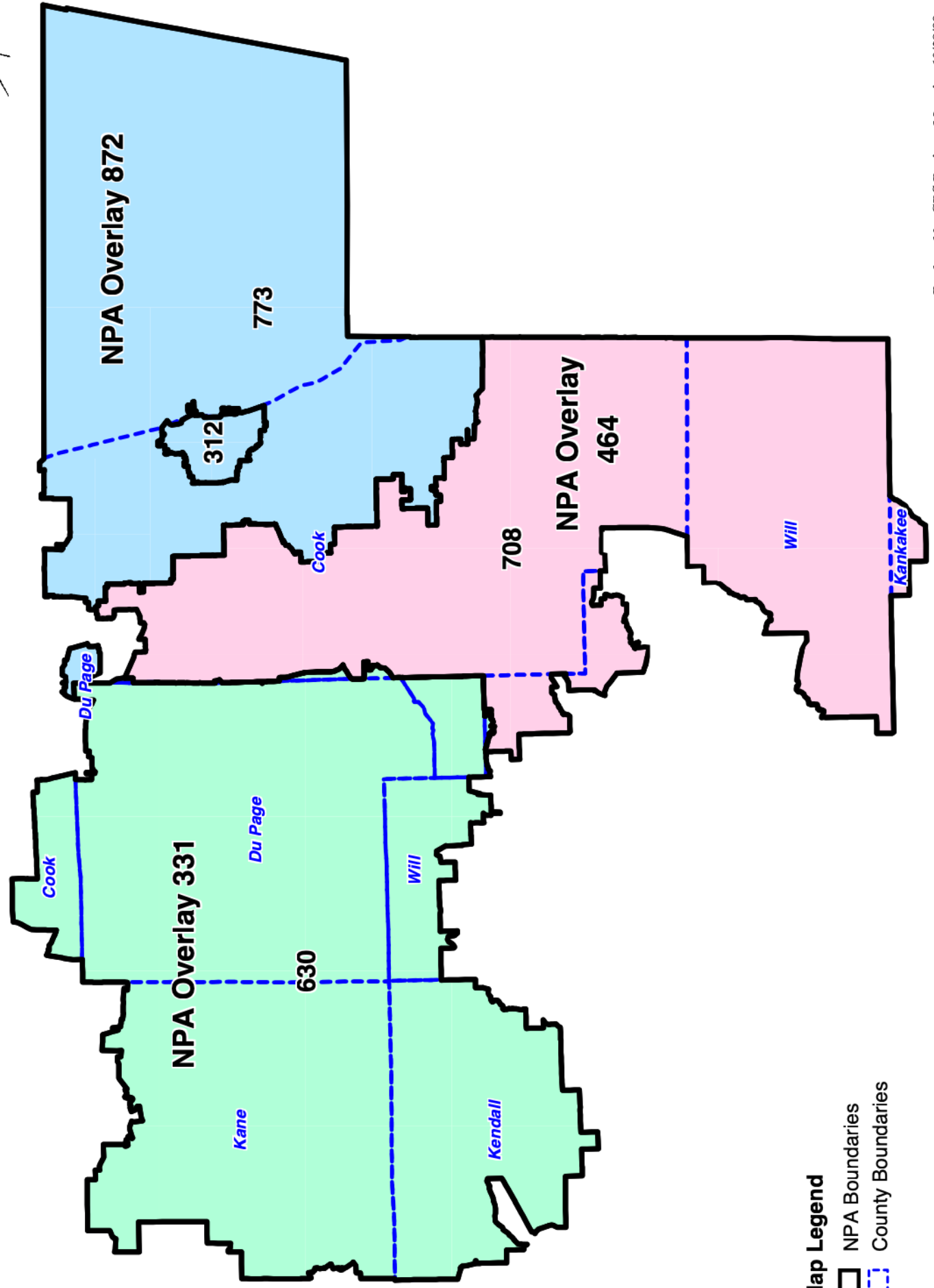
The ICC has ordered that thousand-block number pooling must be implemented within the 708, 630, 312 and 773 area codes before NXX code assignments from the new overlay area codes begin. Thousand-block number pooling is a conservation measure designed to extend the current life of the four existing area codes. The start dates of the new overlays are still to be determined, and will depend on the activation of number pooling and on the impact that number pooling has on extending the lives of the current area codes.

After number pooling has been activated and the supply of available NXX codes in the existing area codes approaches exhaust, NANPA will advise the ICC – 30 days in advance – that the first prefix will be assigned to the new overlay area code.

The first prefix in each of the new overlay codes can only be assigned after all the prefixes in the existing area code have been used, and cannot be activated until at least 90 days after assignment. During that 90-day period, “permissive dialing” will allow customers to make local calls within the existing area code (708, 630, 312, or 773) by dialing either 7 or 1+10-digits. Customers are encouraged to dial 1+10 digits on all calls during the permissive period to get used to the new dialing plan for overlay area codes. At the end of the 90-day permissive dialing period, all intra-NPA calls must be dialed as 1+10 digits. Callers who don’t use the 1+10-digit dialing pattern will receive a recorded message reminding them to dial 1+10 digits.

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NPA 630, 312, 773 & 708 County Map



Map Legend
□ NPA Boundaries
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