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From: Canadian Numbering Administration (CNA)
Subject: NPA 289 To Overlay NPA 905 (Southern Ontario, Canada)

In Order CRTC 2000-772, dated 15 August 2000, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved the introduction of a new area code in the southern Ontario Canada region currently served by area code 905. The new area code will be implemented in a "distributed overlay" over the exchanges that comprise the current 905 area code. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has assigned NPA code 289 for this purpose, and it will be in service as of 9 June 2001.

The new 289 NPA will serve the same geographic area as the existing 905 NPA in Southern Ontario, Canada, including the cities of Burlington, Hamilton, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, St. Catharines, Markham, Oakville and Mississauga. A map showing the area served by the 905 and 289 NPAs is attached.

Customers in the 905 NPA may already dial either 7- or 10-digits for local calls. As of 7 April 2001, 7-digit callers will be provided with a switch announcement notifying them to dial using 10-digits prior to the call being completed. All Canadian carriers operating in NPA 905 will implement standard automatic announcements for this transition period starting on 7 April 2001. This announcement will be maintained for calls dialed on a 7-digit basis until mandatory local 10-digit dialing is introduced on 9 June 2001 at 00:01 a.m. ET.

After the beginning of mandatory local 10-digit dialing on 9 June 2001, a switch announcement will be activated for 7-digit calls informing the caller that local 10-digit dialing is required and directing the caller to hang up and redial using the area code plus the 7-digit number they are calling.

The dialing plan for the 905/289 overlay area will be as follows:

- All local calls and Extended Area Service calls within the 905/289 overlay area must be dialed with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternately billed service calls within the 905/289 overlay area will continue to be dialed with 10-digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic telecommunications service providers should ensure that the new 289 NPA code is activated throughout their networks prior to 7 April 2001.

The following Test Numbers for NPA 289 will be made available for testing purposes effective 7 January 2001. Test calls to verify routing to the new 289 NPA can be made by dialing these numbers.

<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Test Number</u>
AT&T Canada	289-810-TEST (8378)
Bell Canada	289-210-TEST (8378)
Call-Net	289-510-TEST (8378)

Calls successfully completed to the test numbers will receive the following standard recorded announcement:

“You have successfully completed a call to the 289 Area Code Test Number at [CARRIER NAME] in Ontario, Canada”.

The Test Numbers will be disconnected after 9 July 2001.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within the 289 NPA may be assigned to Service Providers after 9 December 2000 (i.e., 6 months prior to the relief date of 9 June 2001), however, assigned codes cannot be activated prior to 9 June 2001.

General questions about this relief activity or Central Office Code Administration may be directed to Glenn Pilley or Suresh Khare, CNA, at 613-563-7242. Technical questions should be directed to the appropriate Service Provider.

