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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)
Subject: Suspension of 512/737 NPA Relief (Texas)

On March 29, 2000, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”) issued an order in Project Number 21772 directing the implementation of a concentrated overlay for the relief of the 512 NPA. In response to that order, NANPA assigned NPA code 737 to overlay the Austin Metropolitan Area and Interstate 35 Corridor, including Austin, Georgetown and San Marcos. A three-month permissive 10-digit dialing period was scheduled to begin on August 4, 2001, continuing until the start of mandatory dialing on November 10, 2001. (See PL-233, issued July 5, 2000).

On April 25, 2001, the Commission announced that the success of number conservation efforts have delayed the need for area code relief in the 512 NPA until possibly 2003 and has, therefore, ordered that implementation of the new 737 NPA be suspended until further notice. In its order the Commission indicated that it would reinstate the original Relief Plan Order, or order another form of relief when it determines that relief for the 512 NPA is necessary. NANPA will issue another Planning Letter when the Commission makes a decision on relief of the 512 NPA.

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