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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)
Subject: New NPA 659 to Overlay NPA 205 (Alabama)

On April 2, 2001 the Alabama Public Service Commission (Commission) in Docket No. 27749, approved an all-services distributed overlay as the relief method for the 205 NPA. The 205 NPA serves western central Alabama.

The new 659 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 205 NPA. Some of the communities to be served by NPA 659 include Bessemer, Birmingham, Fayette and Tuscaloosa. A map of the overlay area is attached.

In preparation for the introduction of the overlay and mandatory 10-digit dialing, the Commission ordered all service providers to introduce a permissive dialing period beginning December 1, 2002. During the permissive dialing period, subscribers may dial local calls within the overlay area on either a 7-digit or 10-digit basis, but will be encouraged to dial 10-digits.

Due to an observed decrease in demand for numbering resources in recent months, the telecommunications industry has not yet determined the date on which 10-digit dialing will become mandatory or the date on which the 659 NPA will be introduced. The telecommunications industry has determined, however, that mandatory 10-digit dialing will occur six months following the date on which the supply of available central office codes in the 205 NPA reaches 100 codes available for assignment. At that time, NANPA will issue a supplemental Planning Letter announcing the mandatory dialing date.

The industry has recommended that dialing plan for the 205 and 659 NPAs will be as follows after the beginning of mandatory 10-digit dialing:

- All intra-NPA local calls will be dialed as 10-digits (NPA+NXX +XXXX)
- All inter-NPA local calls will be dialed as 1+10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX)
- All toll calls will be dialed as 1+10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX).
- All operator-assisted calls, including credit card, collect, and third party calls, will require the prefix "0" and 10 digits (0+NPA+NXX+XXXX)

Please note that dialing patterns in specific areas may vary at the discretion of local service providers.

Due to the uncertainties cited above, a test number has not yet been established. When the implementation parameters of the 659 NPA become more clearly defined, NANPA will publish a Planning Letter listing the telephone number that interested parties may use to test the 659 NPA in their networks.

An updated list of NXX codes assigned to the area may be found on the NANPA website (www.nanpa.com) or in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) or the NPA NXX Activity Guide (NNAG). Information in the LERG and NNAG can be obtained by contacting Telcordia Technologies, Traffic Routing Administration (TRA), at 732-699-6700.

General questions concerning the relief of the 659 NPA should be directed to George Light, NPA Relief Planner NANPA, on (708)-848-3838. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.



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