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Subject: NPA 327 to Overlay NPA 870 (Arkansas)
Related Previous Planning Letters: None

General Description

On December 11, 2009 the Arkansas Public Service Commission in its order in Docket 09-043-U, approved an all services overlay as the relief method for the 870 NPA. The 870 NPA generally covers the northern, eastern and southern portion of the state and serves communities such as Mountain Home, Jonesboro, Pine Bluff, Monticello, El Dorado and Magnolia. The new 327 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 870 NPA.

Implementation of Relief Plan

Implementation of the overlay of the 327 NPA is as follows:

	Time	Date
Begin 13-month timeline	-	April 21, 2012
Start of permissive 10-digit dialing.	12:01 AM Central	October 20, 2012
End of permissive dialing and start of mandatory 10-digit dialing	12:01 AM Central	April 20, 2013
Earliest new NPA central office code activation date *	-	May 18, 2013
Earliest date central office codes in the new NPA may be ordered through NANPA	-	November 18, 2012

* Effective Date of the New 327 NPA

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. After the permissive period ends, all calls must be dialed using 10-digits.

When preparing for overlay area code relief, carriers are strongly encouraged to prepare their switches to begin sending 10 digits prior to the mandatory 10-digit dialing conversion date for customers.

Central Office Code Listings and NPA Map

A rate center map of the 870/327 NPA overlay is attached. Since NXX information may change over time, please consult the NANPA website at www.nanpa.com, the LERG™ Routing Guide (LERG) or the NXX Activity Guide (NNAG) for updated information. Information in the LERG and NNAG is available by license contract from Telcordia Routing Administration (TRA), at 732-699-6700.

Dialing Plan

Coincident with the introduction of mandatory 10-digit dialing, the dialing plan for the 870 and 327 NPAs will be as follows:

Type of call	Call terminating in	Dialing plan
Local call	Home NPA (HNPA) or Foreign NPA (FNPA)	10-digits (NPA-NXX-XXXX)
Toll call	HNPA or FNPA	1 + 10-digits (1 + NPA-NXX-XXXX)
Operator Services Credit card, collect, third party	HNPA or FNPA	0 + 10-digits (0 + NPA-NXX-XXXX)

1+10 digit permissible at service provider discretion

Network Testing

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the 327 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to May 18, 2013. The test numbers to verify the routing to the new NPA will be in service beginning February 16, 2013 through July 20, 2013. The test numbers to verify the routing to the 327 NPA are: 327-639-8378 for LATA 528 and 327-327-1327 for LATA 530. A recorded announcement will indicate that the test call has been successfully completed.

General Information

The information in this planning letter reflects detailed information about NPA relief activities. The information has been derived from commission orders and from industry implementation decisions. The implementation of the plan described in this letter is the responsibility of individual service providers, and NANPA does not guarantee that the activities and plans will occur exactly as described herein.

Contact Information

General questions regarding the relief of the 870 NPA overlay should be directed to Wayne Milby, Senior NPA Relief Planner NANPA, on 804-795-5919. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.

Attached is a list of company and contact information that is provided to assist in the implementation of the relief plan described herein. Because this information is subject to change, NANPA cannot guarantee the completeness or the accuracy of the attached list.

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