

Number: PL – 410
Date: September 1, 2010
Subject: NPA 531 to Overlay NPA 402 (Nebraska)
Related Previous Planning Letters: PL-393, PL-397

General Description

On June 30, 2009 the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) in Case 4152 approved an all services overlay as the relief method for the 402 NPA which generally serves the eastern portion of the state. The 402 NPA serves cities and communities such as Bellevue, Columbus, Fremont, Hastings, Lincoln, Norfolk, Omaha, and Valentine. The new **531 NPA** will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 402 NPA. The PSC order also includes open-ended permissive 10-digit local dialing for the 308 NPA to be placed in service coincident with the start of permissive dialing in the 402 NPA. On September 15, 2009, the PSC adopted the industry’s implementation schedule shown below. The Commission reserves the ability to extend the permissive dialing period where it finds such extension is warranted and in the public interest. On August 31, 2010 the Commission issued a letter stating that central office codes from the 531 NPA will not be made available for assignment from NANPA until the level of remaining 402 NPA codes reaches ten. Please see PL-397 for complete details on the implementation of the 531 NPA.

Implementation of Relief Plan

Implementation of the overlay of the 531 NPA is as follows:

	Time	Date
Start of permissive 10-digit dialing.	12:01 AM Central	June 26, 2010
End of permissive dialing and start of mandatory 10-digit dialing	12:01 AM Central	February 26, 2011
Earliest new NPA central office code activation date *	-	March 26, 2011
Earliest date central office codes in the new NPA may be ordered through NANPA	-	TBD**

* Effective Date of the New 531 NPA

** Codes may be ordered when there are ten remaining 402 NPA codes

During the permissive dialing period in the 402 NPA, 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.

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 expansion of the 402/531 NPA overlay should be directed to Joe Cocks, Senior NPA Relief Planner NANPA, on 805-520-1945. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.