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Subject: Moratorium on 555 Line Number Assignments and Requirement to Provide Information on Current 555 Assignments
Related Previous Planning Letters: None

The 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines were created by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) in 1994. As stated in Section 1 of the Guidelines, the intended use of 555 numbers is for the provisioning of information services but may include a broad range of existing and future services as well. Initial assignment of these resources started in July 1994 and since then, nearly 8,000 national and non-national 555 line numbers have been assigned. As of June 1, 2015, NANPA had received an in-service confirmation form for less than 100 numbers.

A complete list of all 555 line number assignments is available on the NANPA website (www.nanpa.com) under Reports, 555 Line Numbers.

NANPA has initiated a review of the status of the 555 line number resource. Specifically, although a significant quantity of the resource has been assigned, with many of the numbers assigned 15-20 years ago, NANPA is not aware of instances where calls to 555 line numbers can be successfully completed on the PSTN. As stated in the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines, assignees for these resources are required to place the number in service within twelve (12) months of assignment. Further, assignees are required to return their 555 line number if it is not in service. Finally, assignees are responsible for maintaining current contact information with the NANPA.

This Planning Letter serves to notify and remind 555 assignees of the following:

1. Effective June 17, 2015, a moratorium on the assignment of 555 line numbers was implemented (NANPA Contract FCC 12C0023 Amendment/Modification M006).
2. 555 line number(s) not in service must be returned to NANPA. 555 numbers are NANP resources and are considered a public resource and not owned by the assignees. Consequently, the resources cannot be sold, brokered, bartered or leased by the assignee for a fee or other consideration. If a resource is sold, brokered, bartered, or leased for a fee, the resource is subject to reclamation.
3. For those assignees who state their number is in service and thus dialable on the PSTN, the assignee must provide NANPA the following information which will be verified: Date the resource was placed in service, the area code(s) in which calls to the 555 number can be successfully completed and the service provider(s) network within which the 555 line number is working.

4. If a 555 assignee's mailing address, telephone number or fax number that appears on the original 555 application has changed, NANPA must be notified of the change(s) so that 555 assignees can be contacted as necessary. If NANPA is unable to contact a 555 assignee due to outdated or incomplete contact information, the assignee's 555 line number(s) may be considered abandoned and action outlined in the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines will be taken to reclaim the abandoned assignment(s). Please note, in most cases, NANPA does not have email addresses for 555 line number assignees.

To provide the above information, assignees may either:

- Submit a 555 Line Number Request Form (555 Part 1) via NANP Administration System (NAS) if the 555 assignee has a NAS user name and password or
- Contact Nancy Fears, NANPA, at nancy.fears@neustar.biz, phone (830-632-5979) or fax (208-694-5329).

555 line number assignees must respond to this letter with the above information no later than October 1, 2015. Further, this information must be submitted to NANPA by the 555 assignee. NANPA will not accept such information submitted by an individual or company on behalf of another individual or company unless an LOA (Letter of Authorization or Agency) is provided.

No response to this letter will be interpreted to mean the 555 line number is not in use. As such, the 555 resource will be considered abandoned and action outlined in the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines will be taken to reclaim the assignment. Assignees are also encouraged to contact NANPA directly to return their number.

Service providers that are aware of an active, dialable 555 line number on their network are encouraged to contact NANPA with this information.

Please note the use of fictitious, non-working 555 line numbers (555-0100 through 555-0199) and 555-1212 for directory assistance purposes as described in the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines are not impacted by this Planning Letter. Further, this letter only pertains to the 555 line numbers assigned from geographic area codes and does not impact toll-free number assignments or reservations.

A copy of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines (ATIS-0300048) can be obtained by sending an email request to (nancy.fears@neustar.biz) or from the ATIS website: <https://www.atis.org/docstore/product.aspx?id=27874>.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this Planning Letter and 555 line number assignments should be directed to Nancy Fears at nancy.fears@neustar.biz or 830-632-5979.