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Subject: NPA 205 and 659 All-Services Overlay (Alabama)
Related Previous Planning Letters: 289, 284

General Description

On August 7, 2018 the Alabama Public Service Commission in Docket No. 27749 approved an all-services distributed overlay as the relief method for the 205 NPA. Some of the communities served by the 205 NPA include Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Bessemer and Jasper. The new **659 NPA Overlay** will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 205 NPA. A map showing the area served by these NPAs is attached.

Implementation of Relief Plan

Implementation of the 205/659 NPA overlay is as follows:

	Time	Date
Start Network Preparation and Customer Education		October 12, 2018
Start of permissive 10-digit dialing	12:01 AM CT	April 13, 2019
End of permissive dialing and start of mandatory 10-digit dialing	12:01 AM CT	October 12, 2019
Earliest new 659 NPA central office code activation date*	-	November 12, 2019
Earliest date central office codes in the new 659 may be ordered through NANPA	-	September 7, 2019

* In service Date of the New 659 NPA Overlay.

During the permissive dialing period, subscribers may dial 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.

Central Office Code Listings and NPA Maps

A rate center map of the 205/659 NPA overlay is attached. Since NXX information may change over time, please consult the NANPA website at www.nanpa.com, iconectiv’s LERG Routing Guide or the NPA NXX Activity Guide for updated information. Information in the LERG Routing Guide and NPA NXX Activity Guide is available by license contract from Telecom Routing Administration, at 732-699-6700.

Dialing Plan

Coincident with the introduction of mandatory 10-digit dialing on October 12, 2019, the dialing plan for the 205 and 659 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 each service provider's discretion

Network Testing

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 659 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to November 12, 2019. The test number to verify the routing to the 659 NPA will be in service beginning August 12, 2019 through December 12, 2019. The test number to verify the routing to the 659 NPA is: 659-659-1659. A recorded announcement will indicate 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 205 NPA should be directed to Heidi Wayman - NANPA, on 571-434-5765. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.

Attached is a list of service provider 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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