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## **1.0 Purpose and Scope of this Document**

The purpose of this document is to capture the history of the 555 NXX line numbers, including the uses prior to the creation of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines in 1994, to the sunset of the Guidelines in 2016. This document also addresses issues associated with implementation, a summary of assignment data, the Industry Numbering Committee's (INC) 2016 agreement to sunset the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines, and agreement that the future of 555 line numbers will be determined if a need for the resource is identified and agreed to by INC.

## **2.0 Origin of the 555 NXX Line Number**

555-XXXX line numbers were assigned and used by local exchange carriers prior to the creation of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines. The use of 555 numbers and the network arrangement used to route and complete 555 calls had been primarily in support of Directory Assistance (DA) services, e.g., 555-1212.

A formal industry Issue was accepted as Issue 254 by the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum (ICCF) in 1992. This Issue was moved to INC in 1994 (see Attachment 1 – INC Issue 005 – Assignment of 555-XXXX Line Numbers). The Issue stated that because 555-XXXX line numbers were one of the few remaining seven-digit resources, the proposal was that nationwide use of these numbers could be an alternative resource for information service providers. The intended use of 555 numbers was for the provisioning of information services within geographic area codes, with the potential to include a broad range of existing and future services as well. The idea was that consumers could dial a 555 number in order to access types of public information services that might not be met by other numbering resources available (e.g., 976 NXXs and the 900 Numbering Plan Area [NPA]).

A 555 line number was assigned either on a national or non-national basis. A national number was a unique line number in the 555 NXX assigned to an entity for use in all or most of the geographic NPAs in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) area. A number was designated as a national number if it was to be used in at least 30% of all NPAs or states or provinces in the NANP area. National numbers could not be assigned by the Administrator to any other entity. A non-national number was a line number in the 555 NXX assigned to an entity for use in a specific geographic area or areas (NPAs, states, or provinces). A number was designated non-national if it was to be used in fewer than 30% of NPAs or states or provinces. Non-national numbers were available for assignment to multiple entities, assuming those entities wished to use the non-national number in different geographic NPAs.

The intent was that 555 numbers could be dialed using either 7 or 10 digits, depending on service arrangements and the local dialing plan. 555 numbers assigned on a national basis would be dialed using only 7 digits from any location in an NPA in which appropriate technical service interconnection arrangements had been ordered and deployed. Any national or non-national number would be dialed using 7 digits, if dialed from within the NPA(s) in which it was activated. If a national or non-national 555 number was dialed from outside the area code in which it was activated, it would have been necessary to dial 10 digits. Accordingly, access networks should be able to accommodate 10 digit dialed 555 as well as 7 digit dialed 555 numbers, if either 7 digit dialing of 555 national numbers or 7 digit dialing of non-national numbers within the home NPA was permitted.

When the INC resolved Issue 005 in 1994, part of the resolution was the development of a timeline to transition existing uses of 555 numbers. Another part of the resolution was to centralize the administration of assignment of future line numbers for national and non-national use. As outlined in a Bell Communications Research (Bellcore) Informational Letter dated May 13, 1994 (IL-04/05-004), the first step in the timeline toward implementation of the 555 line number assignments was to transition existing uses of 555 numbers. The number 555-1212 was considered unassignable for any purpose other than directory assistance services as provided by interexchange and local exchange carriers. Other uses of 555 line numbers (other than 555-1212) could be grandfathered provided they were used for an active tariffed service or otherwise provided with regulatory approval. Submissions of such requests for grandfathering existing uses of 555 line numbers were due to the North American Number Plan Administration (NANPA) by June 17, 1994. A list of the grandfathered 555 line numbers is included in Attachment 2<sup>1</sup>. The completion of this first step was to avoid assigning 555 line numbers in NPAs where the grandfathered numbers were in use.

The industry also reserved a block of 100 numbers as fictitious, non-working numbers (555-0100 through 0199) for use by the entertainment and advertising industries.

Beginning on June 17, 1994, a three-week open enrollment period was initiated whereby applications for 555 line numbers were submitted to the Administrator, who accumulated these requests. No assignments were made during this three-week time period. On July 8, 1994, the open enrollment period ended and number requests submitted during the open enrollment period were processed. Applications submitted after July 8, 1994 were assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Disposition of multiple requests for the same 555 line number received during the open enrollment period were addressed via a random selection process, assuming all parties agreed to this course of action. If there was no such agreement, a 60-day period commenced whereby the Administrator worked with all parties to see if an agreement on the assignment could be obtained. If agreement was reached, the Administrator made the assignment of the number provided all but one request was withdrawn. If no agreement could be reached, the 555 number was identified as "in dispute" and would not be assigned until the involved parties reached a final agreement concerning the disposition of the number.

Initially, applicants were permitted to apply for up to five 555 line numbers. In August 2000, 70% of the total assignable numbers in the 555 resource was reached. As a result, conservation measures were invoked, whereby only one (1) assignment per applicant was permitted.

### **3.0 555 Line Number Assignment History**

Assignments of 555 line numbers commenced in July 1994. The total quantity of assigned numbers between 1994 and 1999 is unavailable. However, by August 2000, 70% of the

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<sup>1</sup> The grandfathered 555 line numbers listed in Attachment 2 are no longer in use as of July 27, 2016, with the exception of 555-1212.

resource had been assigned (7,000 numbers). Furthermore, on December 31, 2001, records indicate a total of 7,285 national and non-national line numbers were assigned.<sup>2</sup>

At the end of 2014, a total of 7,446 national assignments and 385 non-national line number assignments (290 actual line numbers, assigned to one or more assignees in one or more NPAs) were in effect. In addition, 116 line numbers remained in “dispute” status and 100 line numbers in reserved status for the entertainment/advertising industries.

The table below summarizes the total quantity of 555 numbers assigned and returned/reclaimed each year from 2000 to 2016. It illustrates the decrease in demand and increase in returns/reclamations.

Table 3.1: 555 Assignment History

Year	Assigned	Reclaimed/Returned
2016	0	2,858
2015	0	4,955
2014	0	0
2013	0	0
2012	1	93
2011	0	47
2010	27	8
2009	42	57
2008	132	7
2007	8	6
2006	2	8
2005	1	0
2004	0	0
2003	13	0
2002	153	0
2001	773	0
2000	2,626	18

#### 4.0 555 Line Number Implementation

The July 1994 creation of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines did not address how these numbers would be placed in service. It was the responsibility of the assignee to work with telecommunication service providers to implement an arrangement where calls to these numbers could be routed and billed.

In January 1995, the issue of implementation of the 555 resource began to surface. In INC Issue 046 (Modification of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines), NANPA requested guidance on the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines activation criteria given the uncertainty as to when 555 access arrangements would be generally available. Since it was unclear at the time when 555 assignees may be able to obtain appropriate access services, NANPA was directed to defer any action based on the reclamation/reclassification criteria in the 555 guidelines until July 1, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Source: 2001 NANPA Annual Report

The issue of activating 555 line numbers was again raised in August 1996 with INC Issue 093 (Reclamation/Reclassification of 555 Numbers). The INC agreed the moratorium on reclamation of 555 numbers would be extended to July 31, 1997 due to concerns relating to the availability of 555 access arrangements.

To assist 555 assignees with implementation of 555 numbers, the INC developed a document titled "555 Technical Service Interconnection Agreements" (ATIS-0300077). The 555 Technical Service Interconnection Agreements provided potential technical service interconnections that could be put in place to transfer end user billing and dialing information to the designated service provider as well as continue to support Directory Assistance. For each potential technical service interconnection arrangement, the elements required to provide services using 555 line numbers were described. The need for transferring end-user billing and dialing information to the designated carrier or the service provider was detailed to the extent possible for each potential technical service interconnection arrangement. The document summarized that several basic national uniform technical service interconnection arrangements would allow both access providers and information providers to plan more effectively the ubiquitous deployment of services. The document also stated that the decision whether to implement any of these arrangements, and when any such arrangements may be deployed, was likely to be based on business opportunities and regulatory factors and may vary accordingly. Moreover, nothing in the document precluded the use of alternative arrangements.

In July 1999, with INC Issue 186 (555 Reclamation), the INC removed language from the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines that referenced INC involvement in reclamation decisions for 555 line numbers. The guidelines were revised such that NANPA should direct 555 reclamation matters to the appropriate regulatory authority.

As of January 1, 2015, NANPA had received a Part C In-Service Certification form for less than 100 numbers (one percent of the total assigned resource), with the last form dated March 2002. Of the U.S. Part C forms received, approximately 80 of them identified a carrier that had subsequently gone out of business. NANPA contacted the assignees of those 555 line numbers whereby a 555 Part C In-Service Certification form had been submitted. Responses to NANPA's inquiries varied and included the following:

- The contact number for the assignee was disconnected or assigned to a different party;
- A message was left but there was no return call;
- Discussion with assignee with agreement to follow-up but assignee failed to respond to follow-up calls;
- Assignee was deceased;
- Assignee recognition that the number(s) was not in service but stated a desire to retain them; and
- Assignee voluntarily returned the resource.

With this information, from early 2015 through April 2016, NANPA attempted to contact all 555 line number assignees to determine if any of the numbers were in service.

## 5.0 Sunset of 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines

Based upon the feedback received when inquiring about the 555 assignments for which a Part C had been submitted, NANPA submitted INC Issue 788 (555 Line Number Assignments and Reclamation) in January 2015. This Issue proposed revising the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines to require the assignee demonstrate it has appropriate technical arrangements in place to permit the resource to be implemented and calls to be routed. Further, NANPA also introduced the idea that the industry 1) consider having this resource returned to the inventory of NANP resources and 2) prohibiting the assignment of 555 line numbers until appropriate technical arrangements were available to put the number in service.

In conjunction with this effort, INC Issue 794 (Update 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines to Reflect a Moratorium on New Assignments) was accepted and resolved, resulting in a moratorium on 555 line number assignments, effective June 17, 2015 (NANPA Contract FCC 12C0023 Amendment/Modification M006). NANPA published Planning Letter 483 (Moratorium on 555 Line Number Assignments and Requirement to Provide Information on Current 555 Assignments – Attachment 3) on June 19, 2015, announcing the moratorium and requesting all 555 line number assignees who stated their number was in service and thus dialable on the PSTN to provide NANPA the following information:

- The 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.

As part of its efforts to distribute PL-483 to as many 555 line number assignees as possible, the planning letter was posted on the NANPA website and email notification was sent via the NANP Administration System (NAS) NANP Notification System (NNS). In addition, the content of PL-483 was included in the 2Q15, 3Q15, and 4Q15 NANPA Newsletters. Understanding that a large majority of 555 line numbers were assigned to individuals that may not be included in these distribution channels, NANPA also reached out via phone, facsimile, email (where available), FedEx, and U.S. mail to 555 assignees.

NANPA's outreach efforts resulted in nearly 8,000 555 line numbers being returned or reclaimed in 2015 and 2016.<sup>3</sup> This included all 555 line numbers assigned to Canadian entities/individuals, where the Canadian Number Administrator conducted a similar 555 outreach program.

Below is a summary of the status of the 555 line number resource.

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<sup>3</sup> All 555 line numbers reclaimed by NANPA were reviewed and approved by the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau.



**Table 5.1: Status of 555 Line Numbers**

<b>Status of 555 Line Numbers</b>	<b>July 28, 2016</b>	<b>October 31, 2016<sup>4</sup></b>
Unassigned 555 Line Numbers	9,726	9,898
555 Line Numbers in Dispute (multiple applicants requested the same 555 line number during open enrollment)	116	0
Assigned 555 Line Numbers (no Part C – In-Service Certification form provided)	56	0
Assigned 555 Line Numbers (Part C – In-Service Certification form provided)	1	1
National Grandfathered Directory Assistance (555-1212)	1	1
Reserved as fictitious, non-working numbers (entertainment/advertising -- 555-0100 through 0199)	100	100

The INC 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines (ATIS-0300048) were sunset effective with the closure of INC Issue 788. Unassigned 555 line numbers, including 555 numbers in dispute and excluding 100 line numbers reserved for use by the entertainment/advertising industries, were returned to the inventory of NANP resources. The future of a 555 resource will be determined if a need for the resource has been identified and agreed to by INC, and INC creates a new set of industry guidelines for the assignment and administration of the resource.

## **6.0 Remaining Use of 555 Numbers**

With the sunset of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines, a block of one hundred (100) 555 line numbers will remain reserved as fictitious, non-working numbers for use by the entertainment and advertising industries. These specific numbers are 555-01XX, i.e., numbers between and including 555-0100 and 555-0199.

The use of 555-1212 for directory assistance (National Assignment) is still permitted. The use of 555-4334 (National Assignment) is still permitted as long as the number remains in service.

## **7.0 Acronyms**

DA – Directory Assistance  
FCC – Federal Communications Commission  
ICCF – Industry Carrier Compatibility Forum

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<sup>4</sup> Table 5.1 was updated to reflect the return of the disputed line numbers per the 09/30/2016 FCC approval of NANPA Change Order #5, as well as the reclamation of the remaining 555 Line numbers which were not put into service.

IIA – Information Industry Association  
IILC – Information Industry Liaison Committee  
IILO – Determined to be a typographical error in the original document, please refer to IILC  
IL – Information Letter  
INC – Industry Numbering Committee  
NAIS – National Association of Interactive Services  
NANP – North American Number Plan  
NANPA – North American Number Plan Administration  
NAS – NANP Administration System  
NATA – North American Telecommunications Association  
NGIIF – Next Generation Interconnection Interoperability Forum  
NNS – NANP Notification System  
NPA – Numbering Plan Area  
OPASTCO – Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies  
PL – Planning Letter

**INDUSTRY NUMBERING COMMITTEE (INC) ISSUE IDENTIFICATION FORM ISSUE TITLE:**

**Assignment of 555-XXXX Line Numbers**

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(optional)

**ISSUE #:** 005 PAGE 1 of 3  
(ICCF ISSUE # REFERENCE: 254)  
**DATE SUBMITTED:** 11/19/92 (to ICCF)  
**DATE ACCEPTED:** 12/14/92 (at ICCF)  
**WORKSHOP ASSIGNED:** 555-NXX  
**CURRENT STATUS:** Resolved  
**RESOLUTION DATE:** 4/29/93

\* 1. **ISSUE STATEMENT:** 555-XXXX line numbers, currently assigned by local exchange carriers, are one of the few remaining seven-digit resources that could be used on a nationwide basis. As an example, nationwide use of these numbers has been proposed as an alternative resource for information service providers. (See attached correspondence.) The purpose of this issue is to stimulate discussion at ICCF to determine the industry's interest in pursuing extended use of 555-XXXX line numbers and to initiate appropriate action. NANPA actively supports the expanded use of 555-XXXX.

\*2. **SUGGESTED RESOLUTION OR OUTPUT/SERVICE DESIRED:** A phased approach is suggested: First, ICCF would discuss and reach consensus on the desirability of expanded use of 555-XXXX numbers. Second, if the results from the first phase are positive, the service(s) for which these numbers would be used must be defined. (Liaison with the IILC may be required if these services involve information service providers.) Questions to be answered include whether the service(s) are to be provided locally, regionally, nationally, or all of these. Third, appropriate assignment guidelines for these numbers must be developed.

\* 3. **OTHER IMPACTS (if any):** IILC Issue #036 addresses abbreviated dialing for information service providers. The FCC has an open proceeding on the use of N11 codes. U S WEST has a request from an information service provider for a 555-XXXX line number.

4. **CURRENT ACTIVITY:** A Workshop was formed on 12/14/92 to address this Issue. Co-Chairs are Kelly Daniels, Telco Planning, and Jim Deak, NANPA. The Workshop reported on their current activities at ICCF28. A liaison letter will be sent by the ICCF Moderator to the appropriate organizations (e.g. IILC, CompTel, Telocator, USTA, CTIA, OPASTCO) to further encourage their participation in the Workshop. At ICCF29 the Workshop indicated that the target date for completion of 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines is ICCF30. At ICCF30, the Workshop indicated that, although it is close to completing the Guidelines, a sanity check of them and of the associated Request form is still in progress. This Issue was referred to the INC Standing Committee at ICCF30.

UPDATED: 4/29/94\*

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4. **CURRENT ACTIVITY (con't):** This Issue was accepted for initial closure at INC3. At INC4, Workshop participants reviewed and modified industry contributions to the guidelines and requested time at INC5 to complete its work and bring the guidelines to final closure. *At INC5, the Workshop completed development of the 555 Assignment Guidelines, which will be presented for final closure at INC6 (4/29). The Guidelines Transition Plan will be reviewed for consideration of grandfathering of prior 555 assignment requests at INC6.*

5. **RESOLUTION:** At INC6, the "555 NXX Assignment Guidelines" were accepted for final closure (INC Document INC 94-0429-002). The guidelines address the need for and use of 555 number resources including national/non-national numbers, centralized administration and service descriptions. A transition timeline was also adopted for implementing the guidelines as follows:

(1) North American Numbering Plan administration (NANPA) will prepare and distribute an Information Letter (IL) describing the guidelines and transition timeline. In addition to NANPA's normal distribution list, the IL will also be distributed to the following organizations: Information Industry Liaison Committee (IILC), North American Telecommunications Association (NATA), National Association of Interactive Services (NAIS), Information Industry Association (IIA), Motion Picture Association, Screen Writers Guild and other entertainment/advertising industry organizations, as appropriate. The IL will be distributed by NANPA no later than May 13, 1994.

(2) Requests for grandfathering of current uses of 555 numbers, except 555-1212 as described below, will be accepted by the administrator upon distribution of the IL by NANPA. Requests must be submitted using the 555 NXX Assignment Request form, with a cover letter noting that it is a "grandfather" request for a 555 number. Upon request, the NANPA will make available the list of grandfathered numbers after June 17, 1994.

(3) The deadline for accepting requests for grandfathering of existing numbers will expire on June 17, 1994, at which time a three-week open enrollment for 555 numbers will begin. During the open enrollment period, applications will be accepted but no assignments will be made.

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5. RESOLUTION (con't):

(4) On July 8, 1994, the open enrollment for 555 numbers will expire and 555 numbers will be assigned. If multiple requests for the same number are received, the parties will be asked if they are willing to abide by a random selection process. If all parties requesting the same number don't agree, a 60-day period will begin in which the administrator will communicate with all parties encouraging that they reach agreement on assignment and informing them that at the end of 60 days the issue will be referred to the appropriate regulatory bodies, if necessary. This 60-day period can be extended if involved parties are making progress and all parties agree that additional time to reach agreement is needed. An arbitration or mediation process initiated by the parties might take place during the 60-day period if agreed to by all parties. If agreement has been reached by all parties on the assignment of the number, the administrator will make the assignment providing all but one request are withdrawn. Furthermore, any number requests involved in this process are to be counted as part of the five 555 numbers an entity may apply for.

(5) All applications for 555 numbers received after July 8, 1994 will be treated in accordance with the Guidelines, i.e., 555 numbers will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with multiple requests for the same number assigned by a random selection process.

555-1212 will be considered non-assignable for any purpose other than directory assistance service as provided by interexchange carriers and local exchange carriers. Existing 555 numbers will be grandfathered as non-national resources, which are in active tariffed service or otherwise provided with regulatory approval.

555 number applicants must supply the following information to the 555 administrator in order to avoid future duplicate assignments:

Entity that is actively using the 555 number(s) including address, telephone number and point of contact.

NPAs where the 555 number(s) is/are in service.

Certify that the 555 resource was placed in service.

**Attachment 2**

Grandfathered 555 Line Numbers as of June 1994, before open enrollment

<b>555 Line Number</b>	<b>NPA(s) in Which Line Number is Grandfathered</b>
1000	207, 401, 413, 508, 603, 617, 802
1212	All
1234	505, 602
1313	506
1515	201, 207, 401, 413, 508, 603, 609, 617, 802, 908
1611	207, 401, 413, 508, 603, 617, 802
1717	207, 401, 413, 508, 603, 617, 802
1811	207, 401, 413, 508, 603, 617, 802
4433	808
4652	203, 212, 315, 516, 518, 607, 716, 718, 914, 917

The Grandfathered 555 line numbers listed above are no longer in use as of July 27, 2016, with the exception of 555-1212.



Number: PL-483  
Date: June 19, 2015  
Subject: Moratorium on 555 Line Number Assignments and Requirement to Provide Information on Current 555 Assignments

Related Previous Planning Letters: None

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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 certification form for less than 100 numbers.

A complete list of all 555 line number assignments is available on the NANPA website ([www.nanpa.com](http://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 NANPA 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](mailto: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](mailto:nancy.fears@neustar.biz)) or from the ATIS website: <http://www.atis.org/inc/incguides.asp>.

## Contact Information

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



## INC Issues associated with the 555 NXX Line Numbers

INC Issue Number	Title	Acceptance Date	Resolution Date
005	Assignment of 555-XXXX Line Numbers	12/14/1992	04/29/1993
044	Fictitious 800-555 Numbers	12/16/1994	03/03/1995
046	Modifications for 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines	01/27/1995	11/03/1995
058	Modifications to 555 NXX Multiple Request Procedures	05/12/1995	12/15/1995
093	Reclamation/Reclassification of 555 Numbers	08/02/1996	01/21/1997
123R1	Amendment to "555 NXX Assignment Guidelines" for NPA Splits and Overlay	11/07/1997	07/13/1998
186	555 Reclamation	07/12/1999	08/20/2001
208	Modifications to 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines	09/13/1999	04/10/2000
274	Amendment to the INC 555 Assignment Guidelines	11/13/2000	03/05/2001
288	Requested Modification to the 555 Assignment Guidelines Regarding Merger/Acquisition of Assignee	03/05/2001	08/06/2001
640	Amend the 555 In-Service Certification Form (Part 3)	04/20/2009	07/23/2009
788	555 Line Number Assignments and Reclamation	01/27/2015	
794	Update 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines to Reflect a Moratorium on New Assignments	03/25/2015	07/01/2015