NANPA news

Survey on NANPA's 2013 Performance Evaluation

Each year, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) conducts a survey of regulators, service providers and any interested party that interacts with the NANPA concerning NANPA's performance.

As in previous years, the survey focuses on four primary areas: central office code administration, NPA relief planning, Numbering Resource Utilization/Forecast (NRUF) reporting and the administration of other NANP resources (e.g., Carrier Identification Codes, 555 line numbers, 5XX and 9YY NPAs).

Respondents may also provide an overall assessment of NANPA performance and provide comments. The NANC uses these surveys as input into their overall assessment of NANPA's performance for the year.

The NANPA survey may be completed on-line. Just visit the NANPA website at **www.nanpa.com.** Respondents that wish to download the survey and email the form may also do so by visiting the NANPA website.

Survey responses are due January 31, 2014. ■

February 1, 2014 NRUF Reminder

NANPA reminds service providers that their NRUF Form 502 is due on or before close of business on Monday, February 3, 2014. Carriers are reminded to report utilization data as of December 31, 2013 and forecast data for the next 5 years, with Year 1 on all forecast forms referring to resources needed for 2014.

If a carrier needs to update the August 1, 2013 forecast between January 1 and January 31, the carrier must submit the February 1, 2014 NRUF. If the carrier has not yet finished the utilization reporting at that time, the carrier can submit the new NRUF for February 1, and then must update the NRUF to include the utilization portion(s) on or before February 3, 2014.

Please see the NANPA website, **www.nanpa.com,** select "Services" then "NRUF Data Collection & Analysis" for directions regarding methods of submission and to download the recently-updated NRUF 502 Geographic Job Aid and/or the Non-Geographic Job Aid.

As a reminder, if you have not already registered to be a user of NAS, you must do so prior to submitting your NRUF. This applies to all reporting carriers who intend to submit NRUF information. Also, please be sure your NAS registration is still active (i.e., verify your NAS password has not expired). For assistance with NAS registration and password issues, please contact the NAS Customer Support Desk at 1–866–623–2282 or **nanpa-login@neustar.biz.**

NRUF-specific questions regarding this reminder should be directed to 571–434–5789 or 571–434–4671. ■

NRUF Preparation Reminder List

The semi-annual NRUF reminder notice that was sent to active NANP Notification System (NNS) NRUF subscribers on November 27, 2013, had a list of preparation reminders to assist service providers with their February 1, 2014 NRUF filing:

Mark Your Calendar!

INC Calendar

INC 134	February 4–7, 2014 Washington, DC
INC 135	Week of March 24, 2014 Sterling, VA
INC 136	Week of May 5, 2014 Denver, CO

NANC Calendar

February 2014	Washington, DC

News Brief

A new training video that provides an overview of the NRUF Form 502 has been posted to the NANPA website Tools, NAS Training Videos **(http://www.nanpa.com/ tools/nasTraining_videos.html).**

Effective February 18, 2014, the OSSEO rate center will be consolidated under the TWINCITIES rate center in Minnesota (763 NPA).

On December 7, 2013, the 844 toll-free NPA was opened.

In Georgia's 404 and 706 NPAs, all assignable NXX codes have been assigned. Service providers should request resources in the 470 and 762 overlay NPA codes, respectively.
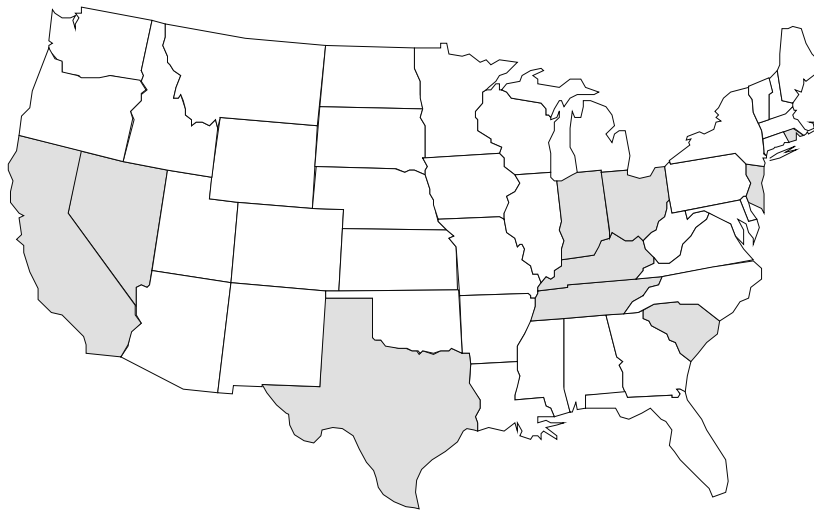
All assignable NXX codes have been assigned in Connecticut's 203 NPA. Service providers should request resources in the 475 overlay NPA code.

NANPA Planning Letter 458 stated that the non-geographic 5XX NPA resource is currently projected to exhaust in the 1H2014. The next 5XX NPA to be assigned is the 577 code.

On December 16, 2013, NANPA Code Administration responsibilities changed. Teri Laslo is now responsible for New York, California, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey and Washington, DC. Code Administration state responsibilities and contact information can be found on the Contact Us page on the NANPA website **(www.nanpa.com).**

A new NAS 5XX-NXX User Guide has been posted to the NANPA website. This guide assists users with the NAS functionality associated with the 5XX NPA resource.

The October 2013 NPA and NANP exhaust projections were posted on the NANPA website at the end of October. Notice of their availability was provided via the NANP Notification System. ■

Area Code Relief Planning Activity

NPA 364 Coming to Kentucky in March – In December 2012, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ordered an all-services overlay as the relief method for the 270 NPA. The new 364 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 270 NPA. Ten-digit permissive dialing started on August 3, 2013. Mandatory 10-digit dialing will start on February 1, 2014. The effective date of the new 364 NPA is March 3, 2014. (See PL-449).

Ten-Digit Permissive Dialing Starts in March for Indiana 930 NPA – On July 31, 2013, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approved an all-services overlay of the 812 NPA. The new 930 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 812 NPA. Permissive 10-digit dialing is scheduled to begin March 1, 2014 with mandatory 10-digit dialing starting September 6, 2014. The effective date for the new 930 NPA is October 6, 2014. (See PL-457).

Tennessee Regulatory Authority Orders Overlay for the 615 NPA – On October 21, 2013, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority approved an all-services overlay of the 615 NPA. The new 629 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 615 NPA. Permissive 10-digit dialing is scheduled to begin July 26, 2014 with mandatory 10-digit dialing starting February 28, 2015. The effective date for the new 629 NPA is March 28, 2015. (See PL-459).

First Overlay NPA Coming to South Carolina – On December 4, 2013, the South Carolina Public Service Commission approved an all-services overlay of the 843 NPA. The new 854 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 843 NPA. An initial implementation meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014.

Petition filed for New Jersey 609 NPA – On December 10, 2013, NANPA filed a petition on behalf of the industry recommending an all-services overlay of the 609 NPA.

Relief Order for Ohio 740 NPA – On December 11, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved an all-services overlay of the 740 NPA. The new 220 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 740 NPA. An initial implementation meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2014.

NRUF Preparation Reminder List

General

1. Confirm which central office codes and/or thousands-blocks are in your inventory.

2. Review the Parent Company OCN(s) in your NAS profile. Any OCN listed in the Parent Company OCN field of an NRUF must also be listed in the NAS user profile of the person who is:

   - Submitting the NRUF on-line in NAS,

   - Listed in the Email address field of the Form 502 Excel™ workbook, or

   - Listed in the Email address field of a file being submitted via FTP.

3. Use only upper case letters (e.g., A) instead of lower case letters (e.g., a) when listing the Parent Company or Service Provider OCN in the NRUF if the OCN contains a letter.

4. Take a "snapshot" of the status of your telephone number inventory on December 31, 2013 for use in assembling the utilization portion (U1, U2, etc.) of your NRUF.

5. Include at least one completed forecast worksheet (F1a, F3b, etc.) if submitting a U1 or U2 per the NRUF Reporting Requirements.

6. Complete the Rural Certification Form if submitting a U2 or U4 with the Geographic Form 502.

7. Submit your NRUF to NANPA.

8. The next day after receiving confirmation from NANPA that your NRUF has been accepted, run a Utilization Missing Report in NAS to see if you are missing any codes and/or thousands-blocks for your submission. Also, run a Donation Discrepancy Report in NAS to see if you are listing any thousands-blocks as "donated" when they are really assigned to you. Update your NRUF to add or correct any codes and/or thousands-blocks listed.

For Email/Excel™ Filers

1. Use the "Check the Data Before Submitting" button on each worksheet to avoid making errors and leaving blank, uncompleted rows on the worksheet before submission. Note the gray shaded rows (row 21 on U1, row 22 on F2a) are the starting point for entering your data.

For FTP Filers

1. Ensure the file name used for each submitted file contains the date that the file is submitted. For example, 556Z.01242014.U1S.DAT corresponds to a service provider '556Z' transmitting the U1 on January 24, 2014.

Additional reminders are available in the NRUF Preparation Checklist on the NANPA website:

http://www.nanpa.com/nruf/NRUF_Preparation_Checklist.pdf. ■

Area Code Relief Planning Activity

Overlay Approved for California 415 NPA – On December 17, 2013, the California Public Utilities Commission approved an all-services overlay as the relief method for the 415 NPA. The new 628 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 415 NPA.

New NPAs for Nevada, Texas and Connecticut – NPAs 725 (overlay of Nevada 702), 346 (part of the 281/713/832 overlay complex in Texas) and 959 (overlay of Connecticut 860) will be introduced in June, July and August 2014, respectively. Permissive 10-digit dialing is underway in Nevada 702 while mandatory 10-digit dialing is already in place for the geographic areas served by the new Texas and Connecticut NPAs. ■

CIC Reports Due

Submission of semi-annual Entity and Access Provider Carrier Identification Code (CIC) reports is a requirement of the CIC Assignment Guidelines (ATIS-0300050).

Entity and Access Provider semi-annual CIC reports covering the period from July 1 through December 31, 2013 (2H13) shall be submitted to NANPA after January 1, 2014 but no later than January 31, 2014 as specified in the CIC Assignment Guidelines. These reports may be submitted as Word™, Excel™ or PDF™ document attachments to an email or by fax. The reports should be submitted to Nancy Fears at **nancy.fears@neustar.biz** or via fax to 208–694–5329.

Please ensure the accuracy of the reports before they are submitted, as information in these reports is considered to be certified. Semi-annual CIC reports are the sole tool used by NANPA to confirm if a CIC is being used in accordance with the CIC Assignment Guidelines or to determine if a CIC is subject to reclamation by NANPA. ■

Additional Capabilities for the Non-Geographic 5XX NPA Resource

On September 27, 2013, the NANP Administration System (NAS) was modified per Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Issue 692 (Update the 5YY Requirements for Resources) and INC Issue 702 (Update Service Description for Use of 5YY Resources). On November 22, 2013, additional NAS capabilities associated with the administration of the 5XX-NXX resource were deployed. Below is a summary of these modifications.

For those NAS users with "Other Resources" in their profile, a new link appeared under the tool bar titled "5XX NPA Resource" labeled "5XX-NXX Assignments Needing Part Cs Report." This link permits the 5XX-NXX assignee to view all their 5XX-NXX assignments for which a Part C has not been submitted.

For those NAS users with "NRUF" in their profile, a new link called "5XX NPA Utilization Missing Report" appeared. This report allows the NAS user to identify those 5XX-NXX resources assigned to it for which no utilization has been reported.

Finally, the "All 5XX Codes Report," which provides a listing of assigned, available and unavailable 5XX-NXX codes by NPA is now available as a downloadable Excel file as well as a text file.

To assist users with the new NAS capabilities associated with the 5XX resource, NANPA has created and posted a new NAS 5XX-NXX User Guide. In addition, the NAS NRUF User Guide has been updated to reflect the 5XX NPA Utilization Missing Report. All NAS user guides can be found at **http://www.nanpa.com/tools/nasUser_guide.html.** ■

State NRUF Training Held

On December 11, 2013, NANPA provided NRUF refresher training to 15 individuals from 11 state utility commissions. The training was conducted by webinar and audio bridge and featured discussions on a variety of NRUF topics applicable to the states including:

• NRUF Filing Requirements & Methods of Submission

• NRUF Data Available to the States

• On-Line NRUF Reports in NAS

• NRUF Missing Utilization Processes

The training also included a detailed review of Microsoft Access™ as applied to the NRUF databases that NANPA makes available to the states. Participants were shown how to create custom reports in Access™ for addressing standard NRUF data requests. Discussions also included a review of how service providers can update their submissions before and after the NRUF filing due date, the confidentiality requirements applicable to the states, and NAS NRUF registration processes. ■

Did You Know?

Sixty percent of the U.S. state regulatory commissions (30) have ordered overlays as the method of area code relief. And in 2014, twenty-five states will have overlays in place with five more states in various stages of implementation of their overlays. Three states (Indiana, South Carolina and Tennessee) just ordered their first overlay while California, the most populous state in the U.S., recently approved their 32nd NPA to be their sixth overlay – the 415/628 NPA complex in San Francisco. Additionally, Canada will have over 90% of their area codes as overlay complexes by the end of 2014 with only four NPAs remaining with 7-digit dialing in that country. The last geographic NPA split implemented anywhere in the North American Numbering Plan took place in October 2007 in New Mexico (the 505 NPA split into the 505 and 575 area codes). ■