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Returning Codes Versus Transferring Codes

Up until November 2004, if a service provider was trying to get out of a certain market, the carrier was required to return that code to NANPA's inventory, which would result in a potentially complex process for NANPA to seek a new code holder if telephone numbers (TNs) had been ported out to other service providers.

Effective November 26, 2004, another method of returning the code became available, which allows the exiting service provider to transfer a central office code to another service provider. This type of transfer involves a letter of relinquishment, and the two involved service providers' decision on the method to complete the transfer in the NPAC. The details are outlined in Section 7.2 of the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, located at www.atis.org.

Keep Your NAS Profile Up-To-Date and Active

It is necessary for all NANP Administration System (NAS) users to maintain an active NAS profile by renewing their passwords. NAS passwords expire after 180 days. NAS will notify the user via email ten (10) business days prior to password expiration. To reset your password, log into NAS, click on "User Profile" and then "Reset Password." Your password will automatically be reset to a new password when you click on "Continue." You will need to make a note of the password displayed and use it the next time you log into the system. Failure to maintain an active NAS account will result in the inability to use NAS. This includes submitting resource applications, receiving notices, or submitting utilization and forecast data (i.e., the Numbering Resource Utilization/Forecast (NRUF) 502 form), regardless of submission method (on-line, email, secure FTP).

It is also necessary for all NAS users to update any changes to their NAS profile (e.g., a change in your email address, phone number, fax number, etc.) to assure NANPA has the most up-to-date information for the user. A NAS user also has the ability to add an available option (e.g., NNS, Code Administration, etc.) that was not selected in his/her original registration. Failure to update your NAS profile will result in the inability of NANPA to send reminders/notifications to the NAS user concerning NPA relief planning, NRUF updates, Code Administration, etc.

The NAS Help Desk is available to assist NAS users with updating and renewing passwords to maintain active NAS accounts. The Help Desk can be reached at 866-623-2282 or login@neustar.biz. ∎

NANPA Offers New Enterprise Service

NANPA now offers customized reports for publicly available NPA and central office code assignment data as an enterprise service. Specifically, NANPA may create and provide publicly available data in different formats to accommodate requests to cull data and provide customized reports for a fee that is reasonable and based on its costs.

NANPA will negotiate a reasonable price with each requestor. Pricing will depend upon report development time and effort, quality review, frequency, delivery mechanism, and other variables.

To inquire about a customized report, submit a contact form found on the NANPA website (www.nanpa.com) and provide a general description of the report you are interested in having NANPA develop for you. ∎

Mark your calendar!

INC 2005 Calendar

June 14-17, 2005 – Overland Park, KS

August 2-5, 2005 – New York, NY

October 24-28, 2005 – Las Vegas, NV

December 6-9, 2005 - TBD

NANC 2005 Calendar

May 17, 2005

July 19, 2005

September 20, 2005

November 30, 2005

CPUC Plans Public Meetings in 310 NPA

On March 9, 2005, several service providers submitted a petition to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting an NPA overlay to relieve the 310 area code. Presently, there is an approved California 310 NPA relief order for an area code split. As a result of this petition, the CPUC will conduct a local jurisdictional meeting and a series of public meetings in the 310 area on April 26 and 27, 2005. The purpose of the meetings is to gather public preferences on either the current split plan or the proposed overlay plan.

The CPUC will provide an overview of the current split plan and allow the industry representatives to present their proposed overlay. A question and answer period will follow the presentations. NANPA will attend these meetings and will post the CPUC's public notice in NAS when it is available. ▪

Most Common Errors for NRUF 502 Form

Below are the most common errors NANPA sees when service providers submit the NRUF Form 502. NANPA has provided some assistance on how to avoid these errors.

Issue	Solution
1. Email address present in company information is invalid; Service Provider Operating Company Number (OCN) field does not belong to the user.	The contact person listed on the company information page within the NRUF 502 form is not a registered user in NAS. Or if they are registered in NAS, their password has expired. Therefore, the Service Provider must register or renew their password before resubmitting their Form 502 form for processing. On rare occasions, the Service Provider has failed to select NRUF in their NAS profile. Therefore, they must edit their NAS profile to include the NRUF resource subscription and be approved by the NAS Login Administrator prior to resubmitting the 502 form.
2. Field Rate Center is invalid for the NPA given.	Service Providers should refer to the NANPA website, under "Services", then "NRUF Data Collection & Analysis", for the NAS list of active NPA/Rate Center abbreviations for purposes of NRUF forecast reporting.
3. NPA is a pooled area on F3a/3b.	The F3a/3b forms should only be used for NPAs 670 (CNMI), 671 (Guam), 684 (American Samoa) and 340 (US Virgin Islands).
4. Rural Certification is not populated.	Rural Carriers are required to complete the U2 or U4 form. If a Service Provider completes a U2 or U4, they must certify that they are a rural carrier by completing the Rural Certification form.
5. Utilization/Forecast reported multiple times.	Service Providers cannot duplicate NPA-NXX or NPA-NXX-X. This will result in duplicate reporting. If you need to forecast for multiple blocks/codes, you must list the applicable rate center once, then list the quantity under the year column.
6. FRN is a 10 digit required field.	Remove the dashes. There should be 10 numerical digits.
7. Field Assignee/Assignor is not populated.	If a Service Provider is reporting intermediate numbers on the U1 or U2, the Service Provider must report in the notes/assignee column, the name of the Service Provider(s) to which the numbers were given. If a Service Provider is reporting on the U3 or U4 forms, the Service Provider must report in the notes/assignee column, the name of the Service Provider from which the numbers were received. ▪

New Area Code for Mississippi

Ten digit dialing became mandatory for all calls in the central Mississippi area code "601" on March 14, 2005. The dialing change was required to permit the introduction of the "769" overlay area code to the area currently served solely by the 601 area code. The additional area code was due to the decreasing availability of central office codes in the 601 NPA.

All telephone calls that were local in the 601 NPA will continue to be local calls in the 601/769 area codes. The new area code will be used when all the central office codes within the 601 NPA are exhausted. At that point, service providers needing numbering resources will be assigned resources from the 769 area code. ■

NANPA Acronym Search

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ASR	FCC	ILEC	MTE	NOWG	PCS
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For those companies having customers with numbers ported from a code holder that has returned the code, NANPA will follow an established process to locate another service provider to become the new code holder. Last year alone, NANPA was able to find a new code holder for 133 codes with over 47,000 ported telephone numbers.

The process is quite involved and requires responses from affected service providers to make it successful. When NANPA receives a Part 1 for a returned non-pooled code, NANPA's CO Code Administration will suspend the code until it has been verified there are no ported TNs on the code. To do this, a report from the NPAC is requested. Once ported TNs are confirmed, the returning service provider is requested to continue default routing until a new code holder is found. A letter is sent to all service providers with ported TNs in the returned code, requesting a volunteer to become the new code holder. Responses are due within ten business days. The INC guidelines allow waiving the MTE and utilization criteria to encourage service providers to become new code holders.

After the initial ten days, if no new code holder is found, an email is sent to the respective state regulator indicating the code will be disconnected within 66 days. The service providers with ported telephone numbers in the returned code are copied on this correspondence.

The INC guidelines now have an additional protection in place on a returned code before the TNs are removed from NPAC. Once NANPA has determined no new code holder can be found, it must request written authority from the respective state regulator to remove the TNs from NPAC. ■