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NANPA 2005 Evaluation

The North American Numbering Council (NANC) is seeking input on NANPA's performance in 2005. The NANPA Performance Evaluation Survey has been posted to the NANPA website. Survey responses are due February 28, 2006.

Each year, the NANC conducts a survey of regulators, service providers and any interested party that interacts with the NANPA. The survey focuses on four primary areas: central office code administration, NPA relief planning, Number Resource Utilization and Forecast (NRUF) reporting and the administration of other NANP resources (e.g., Carrier Identification Codes, 500 and 900 NPA). 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. ■

NRUF Due February 1, 2006

The next NRUF is due on or before the close of business, Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

February 1, 2006 NRUF submissions will be accepted no earlier than January 3, 2006, and updates/corrections to the August 1, 2005 NRUF will be accepted through Friday, December 30, 2005. If a carrier needs to update the August 1, 2005 forecast between January 1 and January 31, the carrier must submit the February 1, 2006 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 update the NRUF to include the utilization portion(s) on or before February 1, 2006.

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. Also, please be sure your NAS registration is still active (i.e. your NAS password has not expired; if your password has expired, your account will be closed).

The following NRUF documents have been updated:

Geo Job Aid
Non-Geo Job Aid
Rate Center Abbreviation List

Visit www.nanpa.com/nruf/index.html to download these documents. ■

CIC Reports Due

In accordance with the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) Assignment Guidelines, NANPA reminds Access Providers and Feature Group B and Feature Group D CIC assignees that semi-annual CIC report submissions are due by no later than January 31, 2006 for the 2nd half 2005 (2H05). These reports should capture CIC activity from July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Reporting carriers should verify the accuracy of information contained in the report before it is submitted to NANPA. The information contained in the semi-annual CIC reports is the only tool used by NANPA to determine whether or not a CIC is being used in accordance with industry guidelines, and thus the basis for deciding to reclaim a CIC. A soft copy of the semi-annual CIC reporting forms can be downloaded from the CIC Assignment Guidelines (www.atis.org). To avoid delay in processing the important data contained in these reports, NANPA encourages CIC assignees and Access Providers to submit these reports to Nancy Fears via fax (208-694-5329) or as e-mail attachments (nancy.fears@neustar.com). ■

Mark your calendar!

NANC Calendar

January 24, 2006

March 14, 2006

May 16, 2006

July 18, 2006

September 19, 2006

November 30, 2006

NANC Charter Renewed

The General Services Administration (GSA) has renewed the charter of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) through September 26, 2007.

The purpose of the NANC is to advise the Federal Communications Commission and to make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial North American

NRUF Job Aid Documents Updated

The NRUF geographic and non-geographic Job Aid documents, which supplement the Form 502 Instructions for Utilization and Forecast Forms, have been updated. They are available from the NANPA website by selecting "Services", then "NRUF Data Collection & Analysis". Service providers should refer to them for direction and assistance when submitting their Form 502. The primary changes are:

- Inclusion of a reference to the NRUF (Form 502) On-Line Training Guide, which provides specific instructions for filing an NRUF via NAS on-line capability.

- Updated guidance on NAS user profiles as they apply to NRUF and inclusion of a link to the NAS User Registration Guide.

- Revised definition of Operating Company Numbers (OCNs) from industry guidelines and a link to those guidelines.

- Addition of text pertaining to the remaining non-pooling NPAs in the US, applicable to the use of the proper NRUF forecasting worksheet.

- Inclusion of a link to the fees associated with filing a paper NRUF via fax or mail.

- Clarification of destination email addresses for non-geographic Excel™ Form 502 updates and error corrections.

- Addition of text pertaining to non-geographic Excel™ Form 502 security settings.

- Inclusion of a glossary, change history and index for each document. ∎

October 2005 NPA and NANP Exhaust Analysis

NANPA recently completed and published its analysis of area code and NANP exhaust. The results can be found on the NANPA website (www. nanpa.com) under Reports, NRUF.

The NPA exhaust report provides an NPA-by-NPA exhaust projection for all geographic area codes in the U.S. Historical central office code assignments, along with data submitted by service providers via the Number Resource Utilization and Forecast (NRUF) process, served as the basis for the projections. The analysis showed that the forecasted exhaust date for the majority of area codes either did not change or moved out as compared with the April 2005 study.

The results of the NANP exhaust study indicated NANP exhaust beyond 2035. This assumed an average CO code demand rate of 6,500 codes assigned per year and 685 available NPA codes. ∎

Check on Your Assigned Resources

Before you receive a "Missing Utilization" notification from NANPA, or simply to verify that you have accounted for all resources assigned to your company, you can check NAS NRUF to make sure all codes assigned to your company were reported. It's called the "Missing Utilization" report, located under 'NRUF Reports' in NAS.

This report shows all codes (NPA-NXX) assigned to the company (i.e., the Operating Company Number or OCN) where the service provider failed to report for the current reporting period. The OCN must be included in the NAS profile to view this data.

To view this report, service providers must:

- Login to NAS

- Click on 'NRUF Reports'

- Click on 'Missing Utilization' Report

- Select 'State'

- Select 'NPA'

If there are any discrepancies with the OCN that is associated with the code, please contact the NAS Help Desk at 866-623-2282 or via email at login@neustar.biz. ∎

NAS NRUF Training Provided

Refresher training on the use of NAS NRUF on-line capabilities was delivered to service providers on October 27, November 2, 8 and 16, 2005. Over 80 individuals participated. The November 16 session was added to accommodate the response from service providers that desired to participate.

INC Updates Guidelines

The Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) were re-issued on December 9, 2005, to reflect numerous changes resulting from the closure of several issues resolved by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC). The changes include revisions to the COCAG Appendix C - Procedures for Code Holder Exit/LERG Assignee Exit, to include a process for returning pooled NXX codes (Issue 468), as well as additional direction regarding certifying a transferred NXX has been placed into service (Issue 490). In addition, the Paper Part 1 CO Code (NXX) Request form has been updated to allow easier entry into the form (Issues 487 and 489). ■

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The training was held via audio conference and covered the following topics:

- NRUF Filing Requirements
- NAS User Registration
- Mechanics of Submitting Your NRUF On-Line
- NRUF Reports
- Email Submission (in summary format)
- Additional Training Resources

Prior to the training, participants were asked to download a copy of the NRUF (Form 502) On-Line Training Guide available under "NANPA Fast Track" on the NANPA website (www.nanpa.com). The On-Line Training Guide was used to explain the overall process for Form 502 submission, including completion of company information, utilization and forecast worksheets.

A variety of participants' questions were answered including those pertaining to the purpose of each worksheet (U1, F1b, etc.), filing responsibilities for carriers transferring codes and overwriting rules for various NRUF submission methods (i.e. first submitting an NRUF via email, then via NAS on-line).

Follow-up training resources were provided to participants including links from the NANPA web site to the Instructions for Utilization and Forecast Forms in the Form 502 Excel™ workbook, geographic and non-geographic Job Aids, and additional NAS training guides (i.e. Other Resources, NNS, etc.). ■

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Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues, initially resolve disputes as directed by the Commission, and provide guidance to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), and the Pooling Administrator (PA) as directed by the Commission.

Information concerning the activities of the NANC can be found on the NANC Chair website (www.nanc-chair.org). This website contains numerous reports and other documentation provided to the NANC. Also included are links to the NANC meeting minutes, a schedule of NANC meetings and various websites involved in numbering. ■