



Second Quarter 2005

Provided by the North American Numbering Plan Administration

## NRUF Due August 1, 2005

NANPA reminds service providers that their NRUF Form 502 is due on or before close of business on Monday, August 1, 2005. Submissions will be accepted no earlier than July 1, 2005.

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## Using the Correct NRUF Forecast Worksheet

When forecasting a need for blocks in rate centers with mandatory pooling, or pooling is optional and the Service Provider has opted to participate, use\*:

**F1a** – Pooling Area Forecast in 1K Blocks per Rate Center, Per Year (Initial Thousand Blocks)

**F1b** – Pooling Area Forecast in 1K Blocks per Rate Center, Per Year (Growth Thousand Blocks)

When forecasting a need for codes in rate centers that have been excluded from pooling or pooling is optional and the Service Provider has opted not to participate, use\*:

**F2a** – Forecast Reported in NXXs per Rate Center, Per Year (Initial Codes) – Non-Pooling Carriers in Pooling Areas

**F2b** – Forecast Reported in NXXs per Rate Center, Per Year (Growth Codes) – Non-Pooling Carriers in Pooling Areas

When forecasting a need for codes in NPAs in which pooling has not been implemented, use the F3a and F3b worksheets. The F3a and F3b worksheets only apply to NPAs 340 (US Virgin Island), 670 (CNMI), 671 (Guam) and 684 (American Samoa).

**F3a** – Forecast Reported in NXXs per NPA, Per Year (Initial Codes) (Carriers in Non-Pooling Areas)

**F3b** – Forecast Reported in NXXs per NPA, Per Year (Growth Codes) (Carriers in Non-Pooling Areas)

\* PLEASE NOTE that it is acceptable for a reporting carrier to report on the F1a/b forms for reporting a forecast for all rate centers (mandatory, excluded, and optional) within an NPA in which thousands-block pooling has been mandated.

## Regulators Receive NRUF Training

State and federal regulators from across the US participated in NRUF (Numbering Resource Utilization/Forecast) refresher training in May and June. NRUF is used for collecting, storing and maintaining number resource utilization and forecast data and is central to creating the NPA and NANP exhaust forecast.

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### Mark your calendar!

#### INC 2005 and Proposed 2006 Calendar

August 2-5, 2005 – New York, NY

October 24-28, 2005 – Las Vegas, NV

December 6-9, 2005 – Washington DC

January 31- February 3, 2006 - TBD

March 19-25, 2006 - Las Vegas, NV

June 6-9, 2006 - TBD

August 22-25, 2006 - TBD

October 17-20, 2006 - TBD

December 5-8, 2006 - TBD

#### NANC 2005 Calendar

July 19, 2005

September 20, 2005

November 30, 2005

Here are some NRUF notes to remember:

- Carriers are to report utilization data as of June 30, 2005 and forecast data for the next 4 1/2 years, with Year 1 on all forecast forms referring to additional resources needed for the remainder of 2005.
- NANPA no longer accepts updates/corrections to the February 1, 2005. If a carrier needs to update the February 1, 2005 forecast between July 1 and July 31, the carrier must submit the August 1, 2005 NRUF. If the carrier has not yet finished the utilization reporting at that time, the carrier can submit the new NRUF for August 1, and then update the NRUF to include the utilization portion(s) on or before August 1, 2005.
- Service Providers must be registered as a Service Provider Applicant or Consultant in the NANP Administration System (NAS), regardless of submission method. If you are a registered user, please make sure that your password is active. If you are not a registered user or if your password has expired, this will result in error message. Any questions or concerns regarding your NAS status may be directed to the NAS Help Desk at 866-623-2282.
- The NRUF 502 Form remains the same. Service Providers may use their form from the February cycle, including necessary updates/revisions.
- Non-Geo and Geo must be reported separately using the appropriate forms. The US NPA's should report using the Geo NRUF 502 Form and 500/900 should report using the Non-Geo NRUF 502 Form.
- Service Providers submitting via CD should mail to: NeuStar Inc., Attn: Al Cipparone, NRUF Manager, 46000 Center Oak Plaza, Bldg. 10, Sterling, VA 20166.

#### **NRUF Mailboxes**

*Cocus (cocus@neustar.com)*

To submit an initial NRUF 502 form (Geo) for an OCN.

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*Rev-cocus\*\* (rev-cocus@neustar.com)*

To revise/modify a NRUF 502 form without receiving notification from a NRUF representative.

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*NRUF500900 (nruf500900@neustar.com)*

To submit an initial NRUF 502 form (Non-Geo) for an OCN.  
Note - This data can no longer be combined with a Geo NRUF.

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*NRUF Representative (lashanda.tomlinson@neustar.com)*

To submit corrections of an error message.

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## **Safety Valve "Quick Sheet"**

NANPA has gathered input from state regulatory commissions concerning the information required and process used to address service providers' "safety valve" requests.

The safety valve process was implemented with the FCC Number Optimization Order to allow service providers that fail to meet FCC requirements and industry guidelines for the assignment of central office codes to appeal to the state commission. Since each state may have unique requirements for addressing safety valve requests, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) developed a matrix ("quick sheet") that summarizes individual state requirements. State regulatory commissions have provided information concerning their respective states. This matrix can be found on the NANPA website ([http://www.nanpa.com/number\\_resource\\_info/co\\_codes.html](http://www.nanpa.com/number_resource_info/co_codes.html)).

## **Changes to Numbering Guidelines**

In the second quarter 2005, the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) resolved several issues, resulting in changes to various numbering guidelines.

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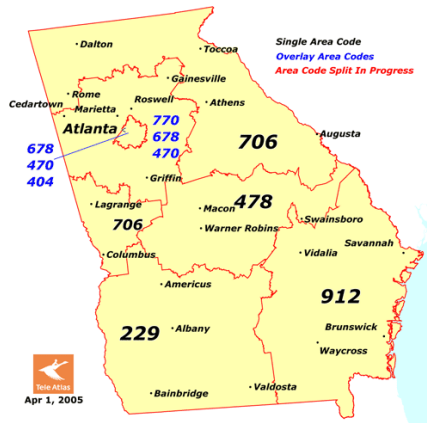
## **High Marks for Customer Service**

In April 2005, NANPA conducted a survey of the service provider community concerning NANPA CO Code Administrator customer service performance. NANPA distributed the survey to nearly 350 code applicants. The survey addressed the CO Code Administrators' knowledge of industry guidelines, courtesy and professionalism as well as responsiveness.

The results showed that respondents were extremely satisfied in all of the above areas. For courtesy and professionalism, the Code Administrators scored a perfect 5.0. For knowledge of industry guidelines and responsive, the average score was 4.9 out of 5.0. In addition, comments provided reflected outstanding service and support. NANPA thanks those individuals that responded to the survey.

## New Area Code for Georgia

On June 23, 2005, the Georgia Public Service Commission approved an all-services overlay of the 706 NPA with the new 762 NPA. The 706 NPA currently serves the northern half of Georgia excluding the Atlanta Metropolitan area. Permissive 10-digit dialing begins on September 1, 2005 and mandatory 10-digit dialing will start April 3, 2006. During the permissive dialing period, customers will be able to dial either 7 or 10 digits. The dialing change is required to permit the introduction of the 762 overlay to the area currently served solely by the 706 NPA. The additional area code is required due to the decreasing availability of central office codes in the 706 NPA.



All telephone calls that were local in the 706 area code will continue to be local calls in the 706/762 area codes and there will be no change to the telephone numbers for residents in the 706 area code. The new area code will be dialable when all the central office codes within the 706 area code are exhausted. At that point, customers requesting a new number will be assigned a number beginning with area code 762.

## Area Code 835 Reclaimed by PA PUC

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission adopted an order on June 23, 2005 rescinding the consensus relief plan of the 835 NPA overlaying the 484/610 NPAs in southeastern Pennsylvania and the previously adopted implementation schedule for the 835 NPA.

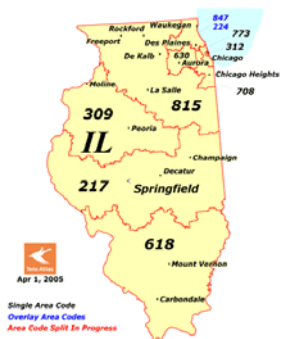
NANPA was ordered to reclaim the 835 NPA and return it to the pool of available area codes within the North American Numbering Plan and place it in "reserved" status.

## What is happening with Relief Planning in the 310 NPA?

As a result of a petition submitted by several service providers for a modification to the CA 310 NPA relief order for an overlay rather than an NPA split, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) conducted a local jurisdiction meeting and a series of public meetings in the 310 area during April. These meetings were held to gather public preferences of either the current split plan or the proposed overlay plan. Also, the CPUC-ALJ requested additional comments on the extent of the public education plan that the service providers believe necessary if the commission decided in favor of an overlay in the 310 NPA. Currently, California has no overlay complexes.

## Relief Planning Efforts in Illinois

There are several ongoing relief efforts as well as some new activity in Illinois that may become more noticeable in the future. There are presently five NPA overlays planned for Illinois in addition to one other relief project that is pending (area code 217). The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) has ordered relief in the form of an overlay for the 312 and 773 NPAs; and separate overlays for the 618, 630, 708 and 815 NPAs. The 312 and 773 are assigned the 872 NPA, the 464 NPA will overlay the 708 NPA, the 331 NPA will overlay the 630 NPA, the 779 NPA will overlay the 815 NPA and 730 NPA will overlay the 618 NPA. Each has different triggered implementation intervals depending upon the exhaust status and remaining number of central office codes available for assignment.



As we approach implementation, NANPA will publish a Planning Letter with the details associated with each relief activity. For the latest information, consult the NPA Relief Planning Activity Status and Triggers Reports updated monthly on the NANPA website.

## Relief Planning Second Quarter Quality Survey Results

The second month of each quarter is the quality survey month for NPA Relief Planning on how well NANPA is conducting industry conference calls. During May, NANPA surveyed the attendees of three conference calls conducted by the NPA relief planners. NANPA received an average overall satisfaction score concerning the conduct of the conference calls of 4.89 out of a possible 5.0. Survey questions ranged from the quality of the documents provided and the conference call sound quality to NANPA being an effective facilitator and conducting the calls in an impartial manner.



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## **Regulators receive NRUF training** *continued from page 1*

Special emphasis was placed on the use of the NAS reporting capabilities that have been introduced since NRUF training was last offered to regulators in May 2004. All reports available to regulators were reviewed and step-by-step instructions for generating the most commonly used reports was provided.

Also included were suggestions for maintaining NAS user profiles, manipulation of data downloadable to spreadsheets and a review of capabilities unique to state databases sent to individual regulators.

## **Changes to numbering guidelines** *continued from page 2*

Two of the most substantive changes made to the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) were the addition of a new Section 6.6 to address procedures for NPA-NXX code returns that need to be reversed (Issue 465), and the addition of a new Section 9.3.1 to the Jeopardy Procedures (Issue 456). New text was also added to Sections 2.12, 3.0 and 7.2 of The COCAG Appendix C - Procedures for Code Holder Exit to assist service providers in determining when a coordinated industry effort for an NXX code ownership change in the NPAC may be preferable to the NANC 323 SPID migration process (Issue 466).

Section 5.5.1 of The NPA Code Relief Planning and Notification Guidelines was also revised to address requirements for revisiting NPA relief plans (Issue 470).

The guidelines are available on the INC website at <http://www.atis.org/inc/docs.asp>.