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 Subject: Introduction of NPA 721 (Sint Maarten)
 Related Previous Planning Letters: PL-404, PL-396

General Description

The Government of St. Maarten has requested, and has been granted, permission to enter the NANP. On September 30, 2009, NANPA assigned the 721 NPA to serve St. Maarten. Previously, St. Maarten was under Country Code 599.

Implementation of the New 721 NPA

Introduction of the 721 NPA will begin with a period of permissive dialing. During the permissive dialing period, the use of either the current country code of 599 or the new 721 NPA will be acceptable for a dialed number terminating in St. Maarten. After the permissive dialing period ends, all calls dialed with the incorrect country code will be routed to intercept and a recorded message instructing callers to dial the correct country code (1) and area code (721). Country code 599 will continue to be used in remaining territory of the former Netherlands Antilles, namely Curacao, Sint Eustatius, Saba, and Bonaire.

Key implementation dates are as follows:

	Time	Date
Start of permissive dialing and latest date for all carriers to activate new NPA 721 code	2:00 AM * (Local St. Maarten Time)	September 30, 2011
End of permissive dialing and start of mandatory dialing of the new NPA	2:00 AM * (Local St. Maarten Time)	March 31, 2012
Earliest date for the end of recorded announcement		March 31, 2013

*St. Maarten is in the Atlantic Time Zone

Central Office Code Listings and NPA Map

Attached is a list of the central office codes that will exist in the new 721 NPA and their “localities.”

This information is current as of December 10, 2010.

Since this information may change over time, please consult the LERG™ Routing Guide or the NXX Activity Guide (NNAG) for updated information. Detailed information for the 721 NPA will be available in time for inclusion in the LERG at least 6 months before the start of permissive dialing. Information in the LERG and NNAG is available by license contract from Telcordia Routing Administration (TRA), at 732-699-6700.

The attached map identifies Sint Maarten and the area to be served by the new 721 NPA.

Dialing Plan

The dialing procedures during and after the permissive period for the 721 NPA will be as follows:

TYPE OF CALL	TERMINING TO	DIALING PLAN
LOCAL	HNPA (Sint Maarten)	7-Digits
NANP TOLL	FNPA	1+10 Digits
OPERATOR SERVICES*	FNPA & HNPA	0+10 Digits
INTERNATIONAL LOCAL	Saint Martin (French)	7-Digits

* For all operator assisted calls including credit card, collect and third party calls.

Network Testing

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the 721 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to September 30, 2011. A test number to verify the routing to the new NPA will be announced at a later date. For questions on the test number, please contact the carriers directly or Ms. Peggy Ann Brandon at the number below.

General Information

The information in this planning letter reflects detailed information about NPA implementation activities. The information has been derived from regulatory orders and from industry implementation decisions. Implementation of the plan described in this letter is the responsibility of individual service providers, and NANPA does not guarantee that the activities and plans will occur exactly as described herein.

Contact Information

Direct general implementation questions to Thomas C. Foley, Senior Manager Data Analysis - NANPA, on +1 (407) 389-8929. Questions of a technical nature are to be directed to the NPA coordinator of the appropriate service provider.

Contact Peggy Ann Brandon of the Post and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Sint Maarten on +599 543-7466, brandonpam@gmail.com, for additional information regarding implementation.

The attached list of company and contact information is provided to assist in the implementation of the relief plan described herein. Because this information is subject to change, NANPA cannot guarantee the completeness or its accuracy.

Company Contacts

COMPANY	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
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East Caribbean Cellular	Lucas Berman	+599 542 4670 +599 542 4693	lberman@lexwell.net

St. Maarten Fixed Service Prefixes

NXX (Prefix)	LOCATIONS
542	Philipsburg/Pointe Blanche/Guana Bay/Oyster Pond
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544	Colebay/Pelican/Caybay
545	Simpson Bay/Beacon Hill/Maho/Cupecoy
546	DID
547	Dutch Quarter/Middle Region/Belvedere
548	Cul de Sac/Ebenezer/South Reward/Betty's Estate/Saunders

Mobile Service Prefixes

Operator	Prefixes
Telcell	520-521-522-523-524-526-527-555-556
ECC	550-551-552-557-558
Radcomm	553-554-580-581-586

