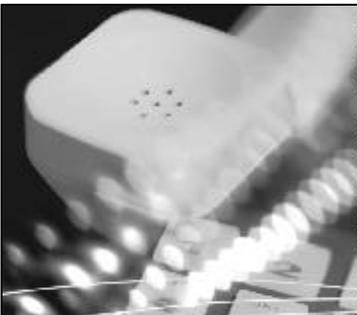


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FCC Order Addresses Various Number Resource Areas

On March 31, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Number Resources Optimization (NRO) Order, thus meeting the timeline offered by Chairman Kennard to the U.S. Congress last year. While the NRO Order does not address all issues originally released for comment in the May 1999 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), it does address many major ones.

Issues addressed in the Order include: standardized number utilization reporting requirements and definitions of number category usage; revision of the current number assignment processes through administrative conservation measures, such as utilization thresholds; and

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Thousands-Block Number Pooling Update

California Extends Pooling to 909 NPA; 310 Trial Underway

In an April 21 ruling, the California PUC extended the state's number pooling trials to the 909 area code and amended the schedule for implementation of number pooling in the 714 area code. The first implementation meeting for both the 909 and 714 NPAs is scheduled for May 9, and will be conducted by NeuStar, which was chosen as the state's pooling administrator. The revised starting date for the 714 pooling trial is October 6, while the 909 pooling trial will begin December 8.

On March 18, thousand block pooling was implemented in California's 310 NPA. This is the first implementation of mandatory number pooling outside Illinois. NeuStar, in its role as the pooling administrator, had assigned 83 blocks over 16 rate centers to multiple carriers in the 310 NPA, as of April 28. The first ported block in 310 occurred April 3. To date, 70 NXXs have been saved.

Illinois Adds Mandatory Pooling to 708 NPA

And on April 3, Illinois implemented pooling in the 708 NPA. That is the fifth NPA in which Illinois has implemented mandatory pooling since the original trial began in the 847 NPA in 1998.

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No COCUS, No Codes

Effective May 8, central office code applications received by NANPA for which there is no Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS) on file will be denied.

COCUS submissions were due to NANPA by March 1. Beginning March 15, when a code application was received, the Code Administrator checked a database containing a list of service providers that had provided a COCUS submission. This database was updated daily. If a service provider did not appear in the COCUS database, NANPA attempted to directly contact the code applicant to determine the disposition of the COCUS submission. If, at the conclusion of this process, it was determined that there is no COCUS on file with NANPA for the service provider and NPA in question, the code application was suspended and the service provider notified.

Starting April 17, NANPA modified this process. The database of COCUS submissions was updated twice weekly. If a code application was received and no COCUS was on file (i.e., no record for that service provider for the NPA in question in the

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CO Code Statistics for First Quarter 2000									
	# of Codes Assigned	# of Changes	Suspensions	Denials	Canceled or Withdrawn	Disconnected	# of Reserved	Lottery Denial	Total # of Requests
January	1,276	849	187	247	49	179	0	507	3,372
February	1,649	1,221	271	208	28	227	19	506	4,245
March	1,627	1,393	317	162	93	369	2	475	4,533

Profile On: NANPA's Code Administration

NANPA provides a broad range of services, including the processing of central office code assignments, area code relief planning, as well as maintaining the area code database for North America. This issue of *NANPA Numbering News* focuses on NANPA's Code Administration group, based in Concord, California, who work diligently to manage NANP resources. In the Concord office, applications for central office (CO) codes are processed, codes are assigned, and unused resources are reclaimed.

Prior to NeuStar's (then Lockheed Martin CIS) appointment as NANPA in 1997, 16 different groups were responsible for CO code administration within their sphere of operation. The North American Numbering Council (NANC) approved a transition plan for CO code administration, which called for 16 sequential transitions from the incumbent administrator to NANPA. Nine were completed in 1998 and seven in 1999 – all on schedule.

Since the transition was completed, NANPA's Code Administration group has handled the day-to-day operations of administering CO codes, which is a complex process. After one of NANPA's 15 Code Administrators receives a code request from a service provider, he/she works with the customer through the process until it is completed. Under Industry guidelines, NANPA is required to finalize the multi-step process within 10 business days. Some of those steps include:

- Working with the applicants to resolve any discrepancies in the code requests
- Verifying that an SP is certified or licensed to provide service in the area requested
- Verifying that a Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS) form is on file from the service provider
- For "growth" codes within a rate center, review and audit of the months-to-exhaust
- Checking for code conflicts, and then making the assignment.

After the code is assigned, Code Administration follows up with the service provider to ensure that the resource is put into service within the required timeframe. In addition, Code Administrators track code growth and monitor numbering resources within the given area code to assist NANPA's NPA Relief Planning organization. This data helps the Relief Planners determine when to initiate the relief planning process. When a plan is approved for a new area code, Code Administration participates in the initial implementation meeting with the Industry.

Code administration becomes more complex as the supply of available CO codes within an NPA nears exhaust. If and when the supply of codes in a particular NPA is at risk of exhausting before a new area code or other relief measures can be introduced, Code Administration declares a "jeopardy" in that NPA. In conjunction with the Relief Planning group, Code Administration works with the industry to develop NPA-specific "jeopardy" procedures that dictate how the remaining CO codes will be distributed, normally through a rationing and lottery process.

Once Code Administration declares an NPA in "jeopardy," the jeopardy procedures are posted to the NANPA website, www.nanpa.com. At the end of April 2000, 68 out of the approximately 269 geographic NPAs in service were in "jeopardy" with rationing in place.

Beyond CO Code Administration

NANPA can provide additional "for-fee" services to the industry outside the scope of its original charter, with the approval of the NANC and FCC. One of the services (known as Enterprise Services) that NANPA's Code Administration group currently operates for more than 275 customers is entering rating and routing data into Telcordia's databases. These services are also performed in Concord.

NANPA is also an active participant in the Industry Numbering Committee (INC). Much of INC's efforts focus on the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines. Bruce Bennett, NANPA's Regional Director for Code Administration, and George Light, Senior Code Administrator for NANPA's Eastern Region, have been active participants, sharing their knowledge of code administration principles and practices. Beth Sprague is NANPA's primary participant in INC, and additionally supports NANPA's COCUS efforts.

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Profile On: NANPA's Code Administration *(continued from page 2)*

Code Administration also manages other NANP resources, under the direction of Nancy Fears, CIC Administrator, based in NANPA's Washington, DC office. These additional resources include carrier identification codes; 456-, 500-, and 900-NXX codes; vertical services codes, ANI II digits, 555 lines numbers, 800-855 numbers; and non-dialable toll points. NANPA manages these and all numbering resources according to guidelines developed by the INC and regulatory directives.

Staffing

Since its inception, Code Administration has evolved into a more efficient, results-oriented organization. Several staffing adjustments helped to improve overall performance, efficiency and customer service in 1999. The number of CO code administrators was increased from 11 to 15, and additional staff will be hired as the need arises.

Like their counterparts in NANPA's Relief Planning organization, Code Administration is divided into three groups: Western, Central and Eastern regions. Each region is lead by a Senior Code Administrator and supported by several Code Administrators, each of whom have state-specific areas of responsibility. (For a complete listing, please refer to www.nanpa.com; to reach the Code Administration staff, contact them by e-mail at firstname.lastname@nanpa.com.)

Performance Measurements

As part of the NANPA charter, Code Administration has established comprehensive monthly performance measurements (see story below), and made commitments to the industry, including:

- Processing CO code applications within 10 business days
- Assigning CO codes without conflict
- Beginning the reclamation on assignments for which Part 4 submissions are delinquent

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NANPA Continues High Performance Level in First Quarter of 2000

In the first quarter of 2000, NANPA continued to operate at a consistently high performance level, in its primary functional areas: Code Administration and NPA Relief Planning.

Code Administration processed a record number of code requests in the quarter, a 13.8% increase over the last quarter of 1999. Both February and March saw an all-time high in the number of code requests, with 4245 and 4533 applications submitted in the two respective months. The April code request volume is projected to be at the same or higher level. At the same time, Code Administration continued to process requests in a timely fashion, with 99.8% of code applications being processed within a 10-business day window, as

specified in the INC Code Assignment Guidelines. First quarter performance results are summarized below.

NANPA has continued to perform well in customer surveys, scoring 4.75 out of 5, on average in the first quarter. The trend over the last 12 months shows improving performance with the first quarter's performance stable at a high level.

These results are supported by excellent results against NANPA's operations performance measures. NPA Relief Planning met 100% of performance measures for both February and March in meeting 98.3% of all performance targets in the quarter. **NeuStar**

Industry Performance Measurements		Goal	4th Quarter Average	1st Quarter Average
1	Central office code applications processed within 10 days (%)	100%	99.8%	99.8%
2	Central office codes assigned without code conflict (%)	100%	99.9%	99.9%
3	Reclamation begun on codes not activated within 6 months of requested activation date (%)	100%	88.0%	70.9%*
4.a	Applicable code assignments submitted to INC for reclamation (%) Transitional	100%	100%	na
4.b	Applicable code assignments submitted to INC for reclamation (%) NANPA	100%	100%	100%
5	AOCN RDBS/BRIDS entry requests filled within 5 days (%)	100%	100%	100%
6	Phone calls returned by end of next business day (%)	100%	99.9%	99.9%

*Note: The relatively low score on Performance Measure #3 has been addressed with a comprehensive process redesign. We should see stability in the 2nd quarter.

State Roundup

At the end of April, there were 15 states with petitions for delegated authority pending at the FCC: Nebraska, Indiana, Utah, Missouri, Iowa, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kentucky, and Oregon. Thirteen have closed comment periods, and await FCC action, while Kentucky's petition is still out for comment and the Oregon petition has not yet been released for comment (see table below). At the March meeting of the North American Numbering Council (NANC), an FCC representative stated that the FCC would continue to grant authority to individual states while it began the process to name a national pooling administrator through competitive selection. This may mean more petitions as State Commissions look to implement number conservation while the national number pooling roll-out is delayed.

The following is a brief summary of recent Commission activity:

California – In addition to implementing number pooling in the 310 NPA on March 18 (see story on Page 1), California is also moving forward to have pooling implemented in NPA 415 by July 29, and NPA 714 by November 4. California's pooling effort was extended to the 415 and 714 NPAs by Order on January 31, 2000 (95-04-043 & 95-04-044).

Maine – A Hearing Examiners report, released on February 3, directed the NANPA to reclaim 54 NXX codes acquired by Brooks Fiber based on a finding that Brooks Fiber is using the codes for an unauthorized interexchange service and not for facilities-based local exchange service.

New Hampshire – The New Hampshire Public Service Commission held a pooling implementation meeting on February 4, at which time it was determined to implement number pooling on May 1, using uncontaminated thousand blocks only. Contaminated thousand blocks would be added to the pool and available for use in January 2001.

Texas – In January, the Texas Public Utility Commission issued an Order that set an August 1 date for pooling to begin in the 512 NPA, using software Release 1.4. In March, following an implementation meeting led by NeuStar and Commission Staff, the Commission issued a second Order confirming the August 1 date. The second order clarified that on the first day of the pooling trial, only vacant blocks (those with no numbers assigned) will be used for pooling. The schedule for using "10% contaminated" blocks (those with 100 or fewer numbers assigned) has yet to be determined. Also in the March Order, the Commission recommended the use of the current industry pooling guidelines, holding off on its original recommendation to use the state revised guidelines. Finally, the March Order confirmed NeuStar as the pooling administrator for the 512 trial.

Oregon – In March, the Oregon Public Utilities Commission (OPUC) filed a petition for Delegated Authority with the FCC. The OPUC requested authority to: (1) implement mandatory thousand number block pooling trials; (2) enforce number assignment standards by auditing number-resource use, by requiring data reporting and number utilization forecasting, and by requiring carriers to return portions of unassigned prefix codes; (3) adopt interim number assignment standards; (4) implement interim unassigned number porting; and (5) revise rationing procedures as necessary. **NeuStar**

Pending State Petitions	Filing Date	Comments Due & Reply Comments Due
Nebraska	9/14/99	12/3/99 & 12/17/99
Indiana	10/21/99	12/3/99 & 12/17/99
Utah	10/25/99	1/7/00 & 1/21/00
Missouri	11/1/99	1/7/00 & 1/21/00
Iowa	11/10/99	1/10/00 & 1/24/00
Tennessee	11/17/99	1/20/00 & 2/3/00
Georgia	11/19/99	1/20/00 & 2/3/00
North Carolina	11/29/99	1/20/00 & 2/3/00
Virginia	11/29/99	1/20/00 & 2/3/00
Washington	12/10/99	2/28/00 & 3/13/00
Arizona	12/23/99	3/14/00 & 3/28/00
Pennsylvania	12/27/99	3/14/00 & 3/28/00
Colorado	1/11/00	3/16/00 & 3/30/00
Kentucky	1/25/00	4/14/00 & 4/28/00
Oregon	3/00	TBD

NANPA Neutrality Requirements

NeuStar, in its role as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), is required to treat all applicants for NANP resources and LNP services in a fair and non-discriminatory manner. If you believe that NeuStar has violated this requirement, procedures have been developed to file a complaint. These procedures are only for alleged neutrality violations, not for other types of issues, such as the inconvenience associated with the proliferation of new area codes. Issues concerning number administration that do not involve neutrality should be reported to NeuStar management if NeuStar employees are involved, or to the appropriate state regulatory commission or the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") if issues arise concerning numbering policy.

These procedures establish a process by which complaints alleging favoritism or discrimination by NeuStar in the performance of its services as the NANPA or LNPA may be submitted to and addressed by NeuStar. This process is intended to facilitate NeuStar's compliance with the FCC's neutrality regulations at 47 C.F.R. § 52.12(a)(1) and the NeuStar Code of Conduct. It is not intended, and should not be interpreted, to create any legal rights or remedies under the Communications Act of 1934, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, any FCC rules, regulations or orders issued thereunder or under any other statute, rule, regulation or any contract.

The copy of these procedures can be found at www.neustar.com and www.nanpa.com.

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Code Administration Profile

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- Entering routing and rating data within five working days for customers who have selected NANPA to be their AOCN service provider.
- Returning phone calls no later than the end of the next business day.

Code Administration System (CAS)

During NANPA's tenure, the organization has continued to develop software to support code administration as knowledge of and experience in the job increased. Later this year, NANPA will introduce its "third generation" system, which will provide significant enhancements over previous systems. The new NANPA Code Administration System (CAS) will be fully functional by September, and will be composed of two major components. The first component, an Oracle database, will store all assignment information. The second component, a workflow management system, will assist in managing the applications and other activities that make up administration. The NANPA system will run on replicated hardware to ensure reliability. CAS also will allow our customers to fill out, maintain, and submit CO code applications through the NANPA website, www.nanpa.com.

During 2000, one of Code Administration's top priorities will be to focus its efforts on data integrity, and the avoidance of code conflicts. Maintaining data integrity involves continually comparing information from the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) with NANPA's databases to ensure consistency. Discrepancies can occur occasionally, when service providers make changes to the RDBS system and inadvertently do not notify NANPA.

For complete NANP resource assignment information, as well as Code Administration data, visit the NANPA website, www.nanpa.com, is updated weekly. On the website, applicants can determine which resources are available and which are already assigned, making the application process more efficient. **NeuStar**

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FCC Order Addresses Resource Areas

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thousand block number pooling, including the FCC's decision to select the Pooling Administrator through a competitive bid process.

The FCC codified definitions for six categories of numbering use: *Available, Administrative, Reserved, Intermediate, Aging, and Assigned*. The FCC also limited the period of time during which a number could be held in reserved status to 45 days.

The NRO Order mandates the reporting of number utilization and forecast information to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) as a prerequisite to receiving numbering resources. Currently, the Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS) is performed annually by NANPA, and collects only carrier forecasts at the NXX level. The FCC NRO Order specifies: "In pooling areas, forecast data shall be reported at the thousands-block per rate center level for pooling carriers and at the NXX level per rate center for non-pooling carriers. In non-pooling areas, forecast data shall be reported at the NXX per NPA level because carriers will receive their resources at this level." The data must be filed semi-annually (unless states determine that annually is appropriate) by all carriers with the NANPA, which is charged with evaluating the validity of the data and reporting to the states when a carriers' data is insufficient. Carriers that fail to provide COCUS data will be denied number resources. Those carriers must look for relief from state commissions, who will also have access to COCUS data. (See story, page 1)

The FCC also made changes in the numbering assignment arena. For initial code requests, carriers must provide proof that they are authorized to provide service in the area for which the numbering resources are requested, and capable of implementing it within 60 days of the activation date. Utilization thresholds will be applied to all applications for growth codes filed by non-pooling carriers. The FCC is seeking further comment on the actual utilization percentage.

Thousands-Block Pooling Administration

While the FCC mandated the implementation of thousand block number pooling, it decided to release the job of Pooling Administrator for competitive bid. In February, the NANC had recommended to the FCC that NeuStar be appointed as the Pooling Administrator, as an addition to its role as the NANPA. The timeline in the process to select a National Pooling Administrator was not detailed in the Order, but the FCC states that national pooling rollout will begin nine months from the date an administrator is selected.

Meanwhile, the FCC stated that it will continue to delegate authority to petitioning states to implement pooling trials. State trials will need to conform with the national pooling framework detailed in the Order. The participation of wireless carriers in number pooling, once they become LNP capable, was released for further comment. The Pooling Administration contract will coincide with the current NANPA contract, which runs through February 2003.

The FCC Order stated that national pooling rollout will begin in the top 100 MSAs at the rate of three area codes per NPAC region per quarter. However, the FCC required area codes on the rollout schedule to be prioritized in order of:

- NPAs that were initially pooled or scheduled to be pooled pursuant to the FCC's delegations of pooling authority to state commission
- Jeopardy NPAs in the largest 100 MSAs, which have a life of one year or more
- NewNPAs.

The actual national roll-out schedule has not yet been drafted. According to the Order, it will be drafted by the Pooling Administrator seven months prior to the start of rollout.

Carrier Cost Recovery

The Order outlined the three categories for carrier cost recovery:

1. Shared industry costs, costs incurred by the industry as a whole (including NANP administrator costs, and enhancements to the number portability regional database)
2. Carrier-specific costs directly related to thousands-block number pooling implementation (such as enhancements to carriers' SCP, LSMS, SOA, and OSS systems)
3. Carrier-specific costs not directly related to thousands-block number pooling administration.

However, it did not specify the final cost recovery mechanism due to a desire to collect more information on actual costs and savings from the implementation of number pooling.

The FCC reiterated its belief that neither unassigned number porting (UNP) nor individual telephone number pooling (ITN) are ready for national implementation. They did, however, adopt the use of sequential number assignment where carriers must assign the numbers within one thousand block before assigning numbers in another block. **NeuStar**

Corrections

- In the February/March 2000 issue of *NANPA Numbering News*, a map of the NANPA Staff By Region erroneously listed Arkansas in the Western Region; Arkansas is in the Central Region.
- In the same issue, it was reported that the actual number of CO code assignments made in 1999 was in line with the April 1999 NANPA Exhaust Study projection (i.e., 15,889 codes). The figure included in the study is actually 14,889 codes.



Jeff Ganek
NeuStar Chairman and CEO

A Word from NeuStar's Chairman and CEO

When NeuStar, Inc., was formed in December 1999, our mission was then – and continues to this day – to provide the highest level of neutral, third-party services to the telecommunications industry. Included in our commitment are the service providers, with whom we work closely every day.

While the FCC's recent order puts the function of the National Pooling Administrator out for competitive bid, NeuStar remains focused on and committed to the states where we are working as the Number Pooling Administrator, and we look forward to opportunities with additional states in this capacity, as well.

As the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), we were disappointed with the FCC's decision in not naming NeuStar as the National Pooling Administrator. As noted in paragraph 146 of the FCC NRO Order, in July of last year the NANC recommended that the NANPA (NeuStar) be the national Pooling Administrator. The NANC had concluded that having a separate entity serve as the Pooling Administrator would lead to a more costly and less efficient arrangement, and likely delay the implementation of a thousands-block number pooling rollout. As further noted in the Order, of the states given authority to implement pooling trials, all having made a decision on a pooling administrator have chosen NeuStar.

Nonetheless, the states and the industry must continue to move forward, and NeuStar remains committed to support all parties in the process. We are excited about the ongoing activity within the states and industry in the various number-pooling trials throughout the country. In addition to Chicago's 847 NPA, NeuStar also serves as the administrator for trials in four other NPAs in Chicago (312, 630, 773, and 708), California's 310, 415, 714 and 909 NPAs, and New York's 212, 718 and 716 NPAs. NeuStar has also been appointed as the pooling administrator for additional trials in Texas, Maine, and New Hampshire.

The 847 number pooling trial – the first of its kind in the country – has successfully delayed the implementation of the 224 overlay for almost two years. The 310 number pooling trial in the Los Angeles area began on March 18 and has already saved over 70 CO codes in its short life. We anticipate more successful activity throughout the country in the weeks and months ahead.

As always, please contact me as issues arise and decisions are made that impact the entire industry. The future is bright and there are many changes in front of us. No matter what happens, NeuStar's commitment to the industry is unwavering.

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COCUS database), the code application was suspended and the service provider notified. When appropriate COCUS information was received and the COCUS database updated, the code application was processed.

Beginning May 8, NANPA will deny any code application when there is no COCUS submission for the NPA in which codes are being requested. These actions mark the conclusion of a process instituted by NANPA to allow a smooth transition to this INC-approved requirement, as documented in the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines. Specifically, Section 4.1.1 of these guidelines states that "in order to obtain CO codes, an applicant must submit or have submitted a COCUS to the NANPA for the NPA(s) in which the CO code(s) is being requested." This requirement shall not apply in instances where an NPA has been implemented since the last COCUS and the Service Provider has submitted a COCUS for the NPA(s) previously serving the geographic areas involved. **NeuStar**

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Thousands-Block Pooling Update

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Florida Orders Pooling in Three NPAs

On March 16, the Florida Public Service Commission (FL PSC) released an Order on number conservation. Among the issues addressed in the order was the mandated implementation of thousand block number pooling in NPA 954 by May 1 and NPA 561 by July 1, using software Release 1.4, and in NPA 904 by October 1, using Release 3.0. Because there were objections to the Order filed, all dates in the Order are pending the results of a hearing set for May 5.

New York Orders Pooling Statewide

Following a December 2, 1999, Order implementing wide area rate centers, the New York Department of Public Service (NYDPS) issued an Order on March 17, 2000, suspending the implementation of wide area rate centers and ordering thousand block number pooling in 12 NPAs throughout the state. The implementation schedule laid out in the March 17 Order would have all of New York's NPAs pooling by August 31, 2001. On April 1, New York added its first mandatory pooling trial in the 716 NPA to its already existing voluntary trials in the 212 and 718 NPAs.

New Hampshire Begins Mandatory Pooling Trial

New Hampshire's single area code 603 began its mandatory pooling

trial on May 1. Last summer, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission faced running out of prefixes in the 603 area code and adopted a plan to add a second area code; this trial is expected to further delay that plan.

With the FCC's recent decision to put National Pooling Administration out to bid, NeuStar has reaffirmed its commitment to the industry and states to implement pooling trials in California, New York, Illinois, and New Hampshire. **NeuStar**

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