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Abstract

This IL provides industry notification of the introduction of a new 246 NPA for Barbados.

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The government of the Barbados has requested that a unique area code be assigned to accommodate specific telecommunications requirements. As a result, NANPA has assigned a new 246 NPA for this purpose. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the Caribbean countries currently in the 809 NPA. Mr. Ed Layne, Barbados Telephone Co., Ltd will administer the 246 NPA in conjunction with the Ministry of International Trade and Business, which is the Government Ministry that has the ultimate responsibility for the administration of the NXX codes within the 246 NPA.

Barbados will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 246 NPA, i.e., the 246 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers.

The implementation of the 246 NPA will be similar to an NPA split, i.e., there will be a permissive dialing period during which either the 809 or 246 NPA will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 246 NPA. The beginning of the permissive dialing period for the 246 NPA will take place at 12:01 AM Atlantic Standard Time (AST) on Monday, July 1, 1996. The permissive dialing period will end at 12:00 AST on Monday, January 15, 1997. After the permissive period, calls dialed with an incorrect NPA code, as defined in the NPA split information published in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), will be routed to intercept.

The dates that switching systems in the new 246 NPA will begin transmitting "246" for calling number Automatic Number Identification (ANI) purposes will be coordinated by the Barbados Telephone Company with the inter-exchange carriers.

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All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 246 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to July 1, 1996. A test number to the new area code will be activated by the Barbados Telephone Co. and will be operational on December 4, 1995. The test number will be 246-809-4200. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected on January 31, 1997.

The attached map illustrates the 246 NPA configuration. Also attached is a listing of the NXXs to be served by the 246 NPA.

The dialing plan for the new 246 NPA will remain the same as the previous 809 NPA dialing plan:

- All home NPA (HNPA) calls will be dialed on a 7 digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digits).
- All foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- Operator assisted calls including credit card, collect, and third party calls will be dialed with a "0" prefix and 10 digits; i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (0 + 10 digits).

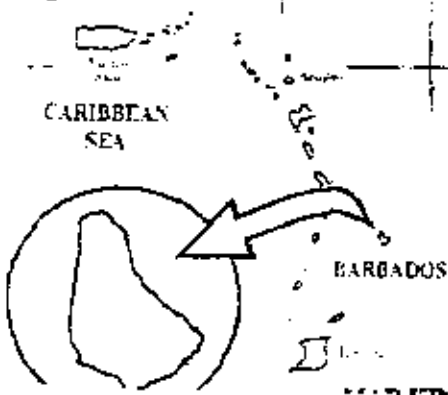
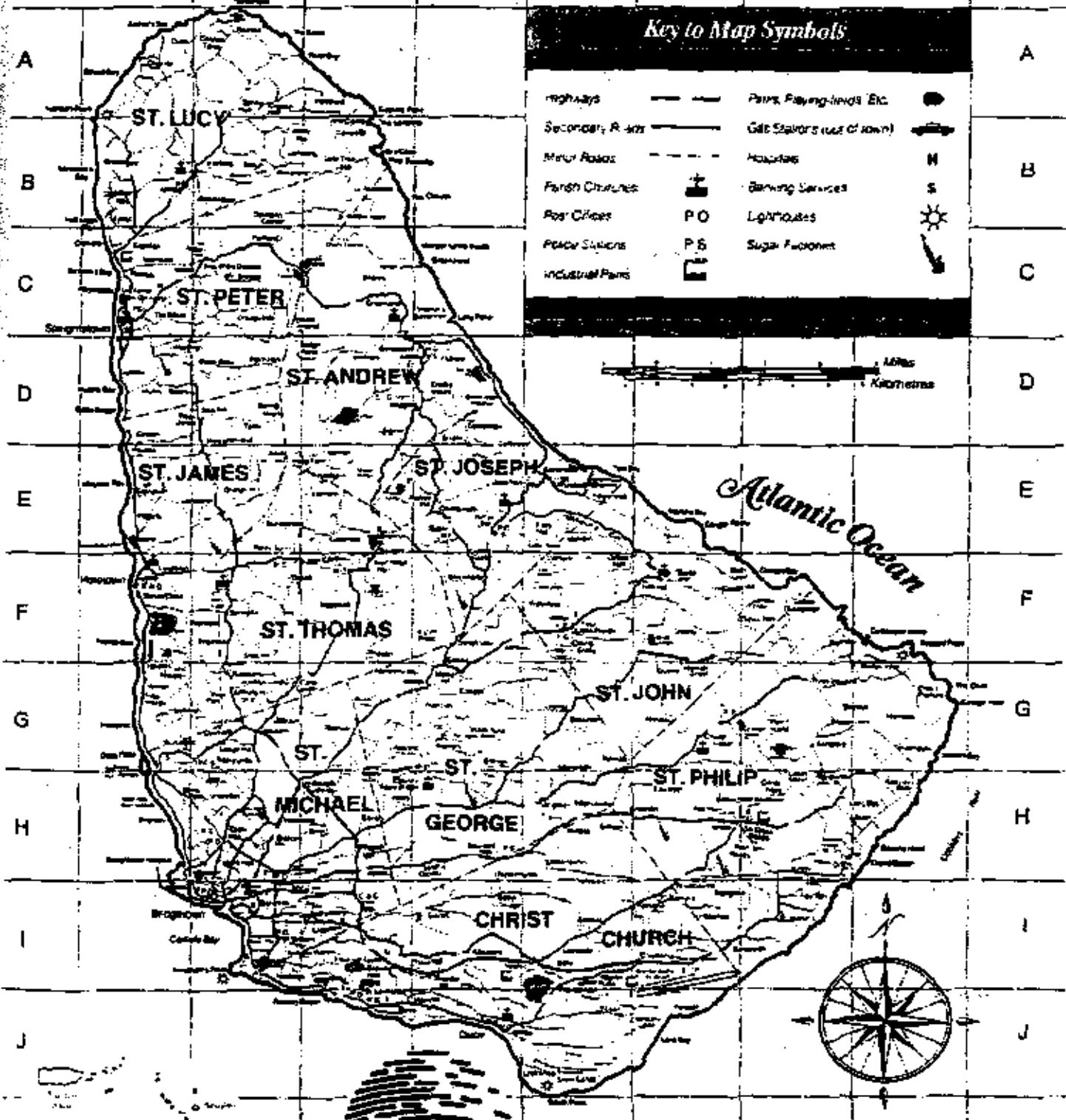
Operational questions concerning the introduction of the 246 NPA, and calls to report troubles placing calls to the test number mentioned above, may be referred to the International Switching and Operations Department, BET, on (809) 431-6080. Other inquiries may be directed to Mr. C. Denny, Senior Telecommunications Officer, Government of Barbados, on (809) 426-2669.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to achieve the widest possible industry distribution and may be reproduced for further distribution as needed. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at (908) 699-6612.



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Key to Map Symbols			
Highways		Parks, Playing-fields, Etc.	
Secondary Roads		Gate Stations (out of town)	
Main Roads		Houses	
Farm Churches		Banking Services	
Post Offices		Lighthouses	
Police Stations		Sugar Factories	
Industrial Parks			



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PROGRESS THROUGH COMMUNICATION

BY APPOINTMENT TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF BARBADOS
BY APPOINTMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BARBADOS TOURISM AUTHORITY

BARBADOS NXX NOS

WINDSOR LODGE

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CHRIST CHURCH

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ST. PHILIP

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CELLULAR

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GRAZETTES

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SPARE

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ST. JAMES

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ST. JOHN

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ST. LUCY

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SPEIGHTSTOWN

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