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From: North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)  
Subject: NPA 980 To Overlay NPA 704 (North Carolina)

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This planning letter replaces PL 204 issued in 1999.

In Docket No. P-100, Sub 137a, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) approved an all-services overlay of the 704 NPA that serves Charlotte, North Carolina and the surrounding Piedmont area. NANPA has assigned NPA code 980 for this purpose. On April 25, 2000 the NCUC issued an order setting January 10, 2001 for the start of mandatory 10-digit dialing and February 10, 2001 for the effective date for the new 980 overlay code. A map showing the area served by the 704 and 980 NPAs is attached.

In preparation for the overlay, permissive (or transitory) 10-digit dialing of local calls began at 12:01 AM CDT on May 1, 2000 and will continue until 12:01 AM CST on January 10, 2001. During the permissive period callers may dial either 7 digits or 10 digits for local calls originating in the 704 NPA. Beginning January 10, 2001, dialing 10 digits for local calls originating in the 704 NPA is mandatory.

The dialing plan for the 704 NPA beginning January 10, 2001, is summarized below. The 980 NPA will share the same dialing plan after its introduction on February 10, 2001.

- All local calls must be dialed as 10 digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- All toll calls must be dialed as 1 + 10 digits; i.e., 1-NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Operator assisted, third party, and credit calls must be dialed as 0 + ten digits; i.e., 0-NPA-NXX-XXXX.

All international and domestic carriers should have ensured that the new 980 NPA code has been activated throughout their networks prior to May 1, 2000. Test calls to verify routing to the new NPA can be made by dialing 980-321-2000. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected no earlier than December 1, 2000.

NXX codes within the 980 NPA may be assigned to service providers after August 10, 2000, but assigned codes may not be activated prior to February 10, 2001.

Refer general questions about this relief activity to Thomas C. Foley, NANPA, on 407-389-8929. Direct specific questions to the appropriate service provider.



# 704/980 NPA Rate Centers

