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Subject: NANP-Assignment of 877 NPA for Toll-Free Services

The rate of assignment of 888 toll-free numbers is such that a new relief code will be needed during 1998. As a consequence, the Industry Numbering Committee (INC), a standing committee of the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC), has requested North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) to assign the 877 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) code to provide relief for the 888 NPA. NANPA, therefore, assigns the 877 NPA code for this purpose.

The industry has been working on the necessary details for implementation of the new 877 NPA including procedures for the assignment of 877 numbers and the establishment of a testing program. Industry participants should be prepared to process 877 calls by the established implementation date of April 4, 1998.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 732-699-6612.



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