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Replacement of the 903 NPA Code (Northwest Mexico)
with the 706 Code

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As announced in RL 79-08-392, changes in the Mexican telephone numbering system in Baja, California require that the use of NPA 903 be discontinued. In its place, the NPA code 706 has been assigned to expand customer direct dialing to Baja, California and Northwest Mexico (Zone 6 in the Mexican National Network). The cutover established for the conversion of 903 to 706 is scheduled for October 18, 1980.

As explained in RL 79-08-392, the pseudo NPA arrangement using the 706 NPA code and seven additional digits will contain the new 8-digit Mexican national number. The third digit of the 706 NPA code corresponds to the first digit of the Mexican telephone number, which is a six to identify Zone 6 of the Mexican network. The routing codes used within Zone 6 are two or three digits in length beginning with the digit 6. It is expected that the last five digits of the existing number will not change. To illustrate: assume that the present North American Network address assigned to a station in Ensenada is 903 39-XXXX; the new number assigned to the same station would be 66 78 XXXX which can be reached by dialing 70 66 78 XXXX (70+8 digits) from the United States.

Since the Mexican national number is in an 8-digit format with the first two or three digits comprising the routing code for a city, customer and operator instructions will reflect a 70+8D format for the Zone 6 area.

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With the exception of California, all switching systems in the United States will be required to open NPA code 706 on the cutover date and give standard Vacant Code Announcement (VCA) treatment to the 903 NPA code. Standard VCA treatment will refer the customer to the local assistance operator who will refer to special position reference information or initiate a call to Directory Assistance in Baja to obtain the new telephone number. California will open NPA code 706 but will route 903 NPA calls to special bilingual announcements which will advise customers of the new dialing format.

Since the 706 NPA will encompass an expanded geographical area, no single network Principal City location will be established. Therefore, all calls destined for the 706 NPA must be 6-digit translated before leaving the originating region (Atlanta, Norway, Wayne etc.). Routing instructions for the 706 NPA will be issued through the normal routing channels within one month.

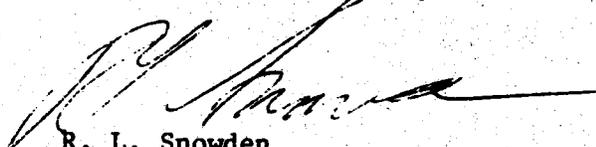
The plan of using NPA codes to provide customer direct dialing to portions of Mexico is considered an interim arrangement until the capability to use the International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD) format is available throughout the network. As established in GL 76-09-015 and RL 79-08-391, the IDDD format (011+52+8 digits) will become the standard dialing arrangement for dialing Mexico. The interim arrangement should apply only to those locations without IDDD capability. When the IDDD capability is universally available, the 905 and 706 NPA codes will be reassigned elsewhere in the North American Network. OTCs are encouraged to implement the IDDD format for Mexico calls from all offices equipped to provide IDDD.

Tijuana and Mexicali will become new toll centers in Mexico and will require the assignment of System Routing Codes (IXX) for inward operator access. The following are the IXX assignments for Mexican toll centers:

Chihuahua	168
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Operator Services methods and training material will be issued in a separate System Letter by early September, 1980.

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