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Abstract

This IL announces the introduction of interchangeable central office codes and dialing procedure changes in the Toronto, Ontario, Canada 416 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) effective March 1, 1990.

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We have been advised by Bell Canada that central office codes of the NNX format (where N = digits 2 through 9, and X = digits 0 through 9) will exhaust in the Toronto 416 NPA during the second quarter of 1990. Accordingly, to postpone the date when a split of the NPA may become necessary, Bell Canada plans to introduce interchangeable central office codes in the 416 NPA after March 1, 1990.

Interchangeable central office codes refer to a change in the code format where N 0/1 X codes (i.e., those codes previously used only as NPA or Area Codes) are used as central office codes in addition to the common central office code format of NNX. Thus, interchangeable central office codes are of the NXX format. (See section 3 of "Notes on the BOC IntraLATA Networks - 1986", TR-NPL-000275, for a detailed description of interchangeable codes.) The format change enables 792 central office codes to be assigned within an NPA rather than the current 640 central office codes.

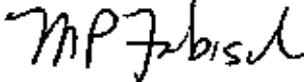
In anticipation of the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the 416 NPA after March 1, 1990 the following dialing procedure changes will be implemented on a permissive basis on November 30, 1989 and will become mandatory on March 1, 1990:

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- All Foreign NPA (FNPA) calls will be dialed with a mandatory prefix "1" and 10 digits i.e., 1 + FNPA + XXXX (1+ 10 digits).
- All Home NPA (HNPA) direct dialed "toll" calls (generally calls for which a charge is incurred) will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + HNPA + NXX + XXXX (1+ 10 digit). Dialing of 1+ 7 Digits will be permitted until March 1, 1990.
- All Home NPA (HNPA) "local" calls (generally calls for which there is no charge) will be dialed on a 7 digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digit).
- All operator assisted calls (both Home NPA and Foreign NPA) will be dialed with a "0" prefix and 10 digits; i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX.

These dialing changes will be of particular interest to customers with Foreign Exchange service and private networks which dial off-network calls in the 416 NPA.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to achieve the widest possible industry distribution. Questions on this subject may be referred to Paul Smye, Bell Canada at (416) 581-4143 or Bob McAleese, Bellcore at (201) 740-4592.



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