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**Abstract**

This IL announces the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the Texas 512 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) effective September 9, 1990.

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We have been advised by Southwestern Bell that central office codes of the NNX format (where N = digits 2 through 9, and X = digits 0 through 9) will exhaust in the Texas 512 NPA during the first quarter of 1991. Accordingly, to postpone the date when a split of the NPA may become necessary, Southwestern Bell plans to introduce interchangeable central office codes and changes to the current dialing procedures in the 512 NPA on September 9, 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 utilization of interchangeable central office codes in the 512 NPA after September 9, 1990, the following dialing procedures were introduced in the 512 NPA on March 18, 1990 on a permissive basis and will become mandatory on September 9, 1990.

- All Home NPA (HNPA) "local" calls (generally calls that do not incur a charge) will be dialed on a 7 digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX.
- All Home NPA (HNPA) direct dialed "toll" calls (generally calls that incur a charge) will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + HNPA + NXX + XXXX. Dialing of 1+7 digits on toll calls will not be permitted after September 9, 1990.

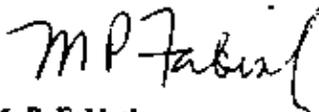
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- All Foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls must be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX.
- All operator assisted calls including credit card calls (both Home NPA and Foreign NPA) will be dialed with a "0" prefix and 10 digits; i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX.

These new dialing procedures will be of particular interest to customers with Foreign Exchange service and private networks which dial off-network calls into the 512 NPA.

Operational questions concerning the dialing procedure changes and the introduction of interchangeable central office codes may be directed to Mr. Manuel Flores, Southwestern Bell, on (713) 521-7571.

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