



Letter Number IL-91/01-045	Type Information	Date 1-29-91
Title NANP-Introduction of Interchangeable Central Office Codes in the 206 NPA.		Project Number(s) 422402
Related Documents None	Distribution List Code(s) NP062, NP188, NP022, NS001, SS002	

To:  
Recipients of North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Information.

Excluded Companies  
Unrestricted

From:  
W. M. Blalock, Assistant Vice President - Operations Applications

**Abstract**

This IL announces the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the State of Washington 206 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) beginning January 12, 1992.

(Includes safety liability disclaimer (if applicable), ordering information, originator's signature information)

We have been advised by U S WEST Communications that central office codes of the NNX format (where N = digits 2 through 9, and X = digits 0 through 9) will exhaust in the State of Washington 206 NPA in mid-1992. Accordingly, to postpone the date when a split of the NPA may become necessary, U S WEST Communications plans to implement changes to the current dialing procedures in the 206 NPA on October 6, 1991 to enable the introduction of interchangeable central office codes after January 12, 1992.

Interchangeable central office (CO) 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, central office codes after the introduction of interchangeable central office codes will be in 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 206 NPA after January 12, 1992. The following dialing procedures will be introduced in the 206 NPA on October 6, 1991 on a permissive basis and become mandatory on January 12, 1992.

- 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 (7 digits).
- 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 (1 + 10 digits). Dialing of 1 + 7 digits on toll calls will be denied after January 12, 1992.

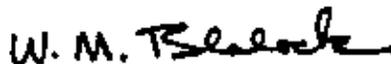
Letter Number IL -91/01-045	Type Information	Date 1-29-91	Page 2
Title NANP-Introduction of Interchangeable Central Office Codes in the 206 NPA.			Project Number(s) 422402

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

Customers who have multifunctional premises switching systems may require changes in their equipment to accommodate the new dialing procedures if they currently have toll restriction or least cost routing capabilities. The implementation of 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 206 NPA.

Operational questions concerning the dialing procedure changes and the introduction of interchangeable central office codes may be directed to Mr. Jack Ott, U S WEST Communications, on (303) 896-1724.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to achieve the widest possible industry distribution and may be reproduced for further distribution as needed. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Bob McAleese, Bellcore, at (201) 740-4592.



W. M. Blalock  
Assistant Vice President  
Operations Applications