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**Abstract**

This IL announces the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the California 714 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) beginning July 1, 1991.

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We have been advised by Pacific 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 California 714 NPA in mid-1991. Accordingly, to postpone the date when a split of the NPA may become necessary, Pacific Bell plans to introduce interchangeable central office codes in the 714 NPA after July 1, 1991.

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 "BOC Notes on the LEC Networks - 1990", SR-TSV-002275, 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.

Changes to the existing dialing procedures in the 714 NPA will not be necessary to accommodate the new interchangeable central office codes in GTE and Pacific Bell service areas. CONTEL plans to eliminate existing 1 + 7 digit dialing on all HNPA toll calls in the Big Bear City, Big Bear Lake and Running Springs service areas by July 1, 1991.

Customers who have multifunctional premises switching systems may require changes in their equipment to accommodate the new interchangeable central office codes if they currently have toll restriction or least cost routing capabilities. The implementation of these new interchangeable central office codes may be of interest to customers with Foreign Exchange service and private networks which dial off-network calls into the 714 NPA.

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Two test numbers, (714) 710-5199 and (714) 509-2999, have been established which can be called to verify the ability to route calls to the new interchangeable central office codes. These test numbers will remain operational until August 1, 1991.

Operational questions concerning the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the 714 NPA may be directed to Bruce Bennett, Pacific Bell on (415) 823-2880 or Ms. Terry Holts, Pacific Bell, on (818) 578-4143.

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