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**Abstract**

This IL announces plans for the introduction of interchangeable central office codes in the Texas 713 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) after March 8, 1992.

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We have been advised by Southwestern Bell Telephone 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 713 NPA in early-1992. Accordingly, to postpone the date when a split of the NPA may become necessary, Southwestern Bell Telephone plans to implement changes to the current dialing procedures in the 713 NPA on December 8, 1991 to enable the introduction of interchangeable central office codes after March 8, 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 NXX. 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 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.

In anticipation of the utilization of interchangeable central office codes in the 713 NPA after March 8, 1992, the following dialing procedures will be introduced in the 713 NPA on December 8, 1991 on a permissive basis and become mandatory on March 8, 1992.

- 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 digits).
- All Home NPA (HNPA) direct dialed "toll" calls (generally calls that incur an additional 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 not be permitted after March 8, 1992.

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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 (1 + 10 digits).
- All operator assisted calls (both Home NPA and Foreign NPA) including credit card, collect, and third party calls 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 713 NPA.

Operational questions concerning the dialing procedure changes and the introduction of interchangeable central office codes may be directed to Mr. Robert Reed, Southwestern Bell Telephone, on (314) 235-1857.

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