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Abstract

This IL details the NANP Administration (NANPA) work plan for the ongoing effort to achieve industry consensus on a long-term numbering plan, the first iteration of which is contained in IL-92/01-013, "North American Numbering Plan Administrator's Proposal On The Future of Numbering In World Zone 1." The details include the date for release of the second iteration of this document and a proposal for the first open industry forum meeting on this topic.

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When Bellcore, as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) published the first iteration of the "North American Numbering Plan Administrator's Proposal On The Future of Numbering in World Zone 1," it was intended that the second iteration would reflect industry comments received during January 6 - June 1, 1992 comment cycle and be released to the industry by September 1, 1992. Subsequent to that date, an open industry forum meeting was tentatively scheduled for early-November to start the process of revising the document with a goal of eventual industry consensus on a long-term numbering plan for World Zone 1. As work progressed on the second iteration, it became evident to the NANPA that those dates were no longer appropriate for the following reasons:

1. Several of the issues that are directly or indirectly associated with the contents of the proposal are being actively worked in various industry fora; e.g., assignment guidelines for an N00 code for personal communications services (ICCF), CO code assignment guidelines (NANPA-sponsored forum), N11 code assignment and utilization (FCC), local calling area abbreviated dialing (ILLC), NANP resource management (CLC), review of NANP administration procedures (NARUC and FCC), PCS/UPT numbering (T1P1 and TR45), competition in the Canadian telecommunications industry (CRTC/DOC/CSCN), and international carrier identification (ICCF/CSCN/NANPA). Several of these issues are expected to reach resolution or key milestones within the next few months. A delay of several months in the release of the proposal will afford NANPA the opportunity of incorporating recent resolutions of key issues instead of issuing a proposal that could be out of date on release.
2. The NANPA, through participation in the issues and fora listed in item #1 above, as well as direct involvement in other issues with industry entities, e.g., N00 codes for cellular services, has gained greater

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insight into several numbering issues and feels that significant modification and additions to the proposal are appropriate. The NANPA could alternatively have merely made minimal modifications to the proposal and reissued it with an accompanying lengthy list of issues requiring industry resolution. The NANPA feels, however, that the inclusion in the revised proposal recommendations for the resolution of these numbering issues is more responsible, more responsive to the industry's needs, and more likely to result in a timely achievement of consensus.

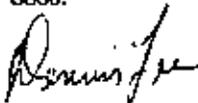
For the above reasons, the NANPA has changed the date for release of the second iteration of the proposal to January 1, 1993 and proposes an early-March 1993 date for the first meeting of the industry forum. The specific dates and location of the forum meeting, planned for 2 1/2 days, will be included with the January 1993 release of the second iteration of the proposal.

The NANPA proposal contains many recommendations, goals, and predictions that can be categorized into two groups - near-term and long-term - based on implementation timeframes and consequently urgency of industry resolution. It is NANPA's intent to prioritize the content of the proposal by placing each of the main topics within the proposal into one of these two categories. In that way, the agenda of at least the first open industry forum meeting can give priority to those items requiring more immediate attention and resolution.

NANPA believes that most urgent issue to be resolved is the allocation, use, and assignment of the 640 interchangeable NPA codes (INPAs). In order to minimize the delay in resolving this particular issue, NANPA will emphasize priority discussion of this issue at the first meeting of the open industry forum in March, 1993.

The NANPA remains committed to a quality product reflecting industry concerns and comments. The NANPA undertook this project without specific direction to do so, and appreciates the level of telecommunications sector interest exhibited by the extensive and broad comments received on the proposal's first iteration. The NANPA looks forward to constructive participation throughout the consensus process.

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