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**TO:** DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK &  
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**FROM:** DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES (ILERI, CASEY) *pk*  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (B. KEATING) *pk*

**RE:** DOCKET NO. 990456-TL - REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PROPOSED  
NUMBERING PLAN RELIEF FOR THE 561 AREA CODE.

**AGENDA:** 10/16/01 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROCEDURAL MATTER - INTERESTED  
PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

**CRITICAL DATES:** NONE

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** NONE

**FILE NAME AND LOCATION:** S:\PSC\CMP\WP\990456.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, the Commission withheld approval of an implementation schedule for the 561 numbering plan area (area code or NPA), pending the outcome of various number conservation measures. By letter dated November 13, 2000, the Florida telecommunications industry filed an application to NeuStar, Inc., for a relief NPA code for the 561 NPA. On November 18, 2000, NeuStar denied the request because the Commission's Order was inconsistent with the NPA Assignment Guidelines.

On January 8, 2001, the Commission filed an expedited petition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requesting that the FCC require NeuStar to issue a new NPA for the 561 relief plan. On August 28, 2001, the FCC granted the Commission's petition for a new NPA for the 561 NPA. On September 4, 2001, NeuStar announced that the new NPA for the 561 relief plan will be 772.

Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL required the affected ILECs to jointly file a notice to recommend permissive and mandatory dialing dates by October 1, 2001.

On September 10, 2001, the carriers jointly filed a notice to the Commission to establish an implementation schedule for the 561 area code relief plan. This recommendation addresses the carrier recommended permissive and mandatory implementation dialing dates for the 772 area code.

### DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

**ISSUE 1:** Should the Commission approve the carrier recommended permissive and mandatory dialing dates for the 772 area code?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the carrier recommended permissive date of February 11, 2002, and mandatory dialing date of November 11, 2002, for the 772 area code.  
(ILERI, CASEY)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** According to the 2001 Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast by the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), the 561 area code is expected to exhaust by the fourth quarter of 2002. In their jointly submitted notice, the carriers stated that due to the current projected exhaust date and time necessary to implement a relief for the 561 area code, the carriers recommend that the permissive dialing begin on February 11, 2002 and the mandatory dialing begin on November 11, 2002.

Staff agrees with the carriers that the implementation of a relief plan for the 561 area code is inevitable. The actual projected exhaust date for the 561 area code is November 30, 2002. Staff believes that the given time frame is sufficient for the carriers to implement and inform the residential customers and business customers to make the necessary changes, pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL. The Order also states that:

We also order that, at the appropriate time, the affected LECs send a letter to alarm monitoring companies advising them of the need to reprogram

their equipment, as necessary, nine months before the mandatory dialing period. (Order at p. 87)

Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission approve the carrier recommended permissive date of February 11, 2002, and mandatory dialing date of November 11, 2002, for the 772 area code.

**ISSUE 2:** Should the Commission adopt the odd-ball code requirements of the 386 area code (Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001) in the 561 area code?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the odd-ball code requirements of the 386 area code (Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001) in the 561 area code, and allow the BellSouth company-specific oddball codes to be duplicated until March 31, 2003. (ILERI, CASEY)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, the Commission ordered that BellSouth's request to duplicate oddball codes of some of the NXXs in the 386 area code be granted for a limited time. The Commission provided a time frame for BellSouth to make necessary changes so that the numbering resources in the 386 area code are utilized more efficiently. In that order, the Commission stated that:

Moreover, duplication of these codes would tie up over 50,000 numbers. However, we find that BellSouth shall be given sufficient time to make the necessary changes to utilize numbering resources more efficiently. Therefore, the 203, 204, 440, 780, and 930 NXX codes within the 386 area code shall be duplicated until March 31, 2003, at which time the five codes will be disconnected. We find that this will give BellSouth time to complete all translation work, notice customers, and print new phone books. If BellSouth believes that this time period is not adequate, it shall petition us to extend this date for any of the NXXs. (Order at p. 5)

Duplication of BellSouth's "regional oddball codes" from the 561 NPA to the 772 area code would also tie-up over 50,000 numbers for company-specific purposes. However, as allowed in Order PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, BellSouth's company-specific oddball codes should be duplicated in the 772 area code until March 31, 2003 to allow a transition period to notice customers and print phone books.

These codes are considered company-specific oddball codes and are problematic in every area code in Florida. Therefore, staff believes it is appropriate for the Commission to consider this procedural problem in this docket as well.

Based on this, staff recommends that the Commission adopt the odd-ball code requirements of the 386 area code (Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001) in the 561 area code, and allow the BellSouth company specific oddball codes to be duplicated until March 31, 2003.

**ISSUE 3:** Should this docket be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. This docket should be closed. (B. KEATING, ILERI, CASEY)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Staff believes that there aren't any outstanding issues in this docket. Therefore, staff recommends that this docket be closed.