

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Establishment of a
statewide emergency area code
relief plan.

DOCKET NO. 990373-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-99-0606-PCO-TP
ISSUED: April 2, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER SETTING FOR HEARING
THE ISSUE OF STATEWIDE SEQUENTIAL DISTRIBUTION
OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS BY CODE HOLDERS

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 15, 1999, the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) notified the Commission that the 904, 305, 561, 941, and 954 area codes are in extraordinary jeopardy of premature exhaustion. Advances in telecommunications services, as well as increased competition in local exchange markets, have led to an explosion in the demand for numbers, escalating the exhaustion rate of area codes in Florida. As a result, numbering plan area (NPA or area code) exhaustion is problematic. In the 305 Monroe County (Keys) area, NANPA declared jeopardy 13 years prematurely.

We have also received information that NXX codes in Florida are underutilized. Although NANPA has declared extraordinary jeopardy in the 305, 561, 941, and 954 area codes, there are differing opinions as to whether these area codes are truly in jeopardy. NANPA's conclusions are based on data that lends itself to multiple interpretations.

On September 28, 1998, the FCC issued its opinion in the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited

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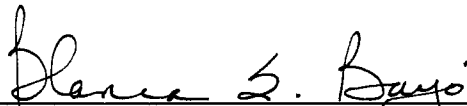
Action on the July 15, 1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215 and 717; Implementing the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98, FCC 98-224. The FCC denied the specific relief implemented by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, but delegated additional authority to public utility commissions generally to order NXX code rationing in jeopardy situations, and encouraged state commissions to seek further delegations of authority to implement other innovative number conservation methods.

At our March 30, 1999, Agenda Conference, a concern was raised that code holders were not issuing telephone numbers in a sequential manner which, if left to continue, would hamper future number pooling efforts. Therefore, we believe it is necessary to consider whether code holders should be required to distribute telephone numbers consecutively, beginning with the lowest assignable telephone number, and we are thus setting that issue for hearing on an expedited basis. A procedural order will be issued subsequently. We will also petition the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for additional authority to undertake further number conservation measures. Concurrently, the industry parties, NANPA, Office of Public Counsel, and our staff will conduct meetings to reach a consensus on conservation measures for Florida.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the issue of requiring code holders to distribute telephone numbers consecutively, beginning with the lowest assignable telephone number, shall be set for hearing.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 2nd day of April, 1999.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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