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FROM: DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES (ILERI) *u*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (FORDHAM) *c. 5.9. Dic*

RE: DOCKET NO. 990455-TL - REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PROPOSED NUMBERING PLAN RELIEF FOR THE 305/786 AREA CODE - DADE COUNTY AND MONROE COUNTY/KEYS REGION.

AGENDA: 6/25/01 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROCEDURAL MATTER - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 7/1/02 (EXHAUST DATE¹ FOR THE 305 AREA CODE)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ISSUE TWO OF ITEM 27 WAS DEFERRED FROM THE 6/12/01 AGENDA CONFERENCE TO THE 6/25/01 AGENDA CONFERENCE

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CASE BACKGROUND

By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, in Docket No. 990455-TL, the Commission approved relief plan for the 305/786 area codes. However, the Commission withheld the approval of implementation dates for this area code pending the outcome of various number conservation measures. The Commission directed the Local Exchange Companies (LECs) in the affected area codes to jointly file a notice to inform the Commission of the outcome of various number conservation measures and recommend, no later than October 1, 2001, the permissive and mandatory dialing periods.

¹ The exhaust date is taken from the June, 2001, Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (NRUF) and Numbering Plan Area Exhaust Analysis.

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Due to the critical shortage of numbering resources in rate centers of the 305 Keys region, the LECs² filed a notice on April 10, 2001 recommending implementation schedules for the Commission approved area code relief plans. Subsequent to the April 10, 2001 filing, four other LECs joined the notice: two LECs³ on April 11, 2001, and two LECs⁴ on April 12, 2001.

This recommendation addresses implementation dates for the 305/786 NPAs.

The Commission is vested with jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 364.01 and 364.16(4), Florida Statutes, and 47 C.F.R. §§ 52.3 and 52.19.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission establish implementation dates for the 305/786 NPAs?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission establish the permissive dialing period for 7 or 10-digit local dialing beginning on August 1, 2001, with the mandatory 10-digit dialing period beginning on Monday, February 4, 2002. **(ILERI)**

STAFF ANALYSIS: By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, in Docket No. 990455-TL, the Commission approved the implementation of an extended overlay relief plan for the 305 NPA (the Keys region). This relief plan extends the 786 NPA from the Miami region into the Keys region as an overlay. The Commission withheld the approval of implementation dates pending the outcome of number conservation measures. In addition, through Order Nos. PSC-01-0091-PAA-TL, issued January 10, 2001, and PSC-01-0808-AS-TL, issued March 27, 2001, the Commission adopted proposals to implement rate center consolidation and number pooling in the Keys region.

² AT&T Communications for the Southern States, Inc., AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., BellSouth Communications, Inc., Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, Intermedia Communications, Inc., Verizon Florida, Inc., Verizon Wireless, and WorldCom, Inc.

³ Cingular Wireless, LLC, and VoiceStream Wireless

⁴ Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint PCS

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, the Commission also directed the LECs in the affected NPAs to jointly file a notice no later than October 1, 2001, to inform the Commission of the outcome of the various number conservation measures. In addition, the LECs were required to inform the alarm companies of the need to reprogram their equipment nine months prior to the implementation of the mandatory 10-digit dialing.

On April 3, 2001, the LECs sent a letter to the security alarm companies, stating that the industry planned to recommend that the Commission implement the adopted NPA relief mechanism in the Keys. The notice stated that rate center consolidation would be implemented in the fourth quarter of 2001.

The Keys region number pooling trial began on May 28, 2001. The LECs state that as of March 1, 2001, there were only eleven NXXs in the 305 NPA available for assignment in the Keys. Staff also notes that according to NANPA, there are ten additional NXX codes which are protected. Based on staff's discussion with BellSouth on April 12, 2001, these additional protected codes may be able to be used in the Keys region, which would extend the life of the 305 NPA. However, staff notes that due to jeopardy measures, the codes are rationed only one per month.

The LECs recommend that the permissive 7 or 10-digit local dialing period for the 305/786 should begin on August 1, 2001, and mandatory 10-digit local dialing should begin on November 1, 2001. Staff believes that customer education is important before, and during a permissive dialing period. Staff agrees that there is a limited number of available telephone numbers in the Keys region, and that the carriers could be further harmed because of the existing rationing plan of one code per month. Staff believes that establishing implementation dates for the 305/786 NPAs is unavoidable. In fact, FCC Rule C.F.R. §52.9(a)(1) states that any NPA relief plan must be implemented in a manner that ". . . facilitate[s] entry into the telecommunications marketplace by making telecommunications numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to the telecommunications carriers . . . "

Staff believes that the permissive 7 or 10-digit dialing period in the 305 NPA should begin on August 1, 2001, as recommended by the industry. However, staff disagrees with the industry's proposal to begin mandatory 10-digit dialing November 1, 2001. Since the number conservation measures have not been fully implemented, there is no evidence of how long the number conservation measures would extend the life of the 305 NPA once rate center consolidation and number pooling are implemented.

Furthermore, based on the Pooling Administrator's assessment call on May 1, 2001, no new NXX codes need to be opened until next year. Also, the recommended mandatory dialing period begins just prior to the holiday season when many customers move to Florida for the winter season. To prevent any mandatory dialing confusion and provide enough time for the security alarm companies to reprogram their equipment, staff believes that the mandatory dialing period should begin on Monday, February 4, 2002.

Staff notes that the time difference between the proposed November 1, 2001 and February 4, 2002 dates is only three months. Furthermore, NANPA recently informed staff that there are presently 14 NXX codes which are available for assignment in the Keys region.

Staff believes that additional time should be given to customers to adjust to the new dialing plans, as well as, the new rate center structure. Therefore, staff recommends that the permissive dialing period for 7 or 10-digits should begin on August 1, 2001, and the mandatory 10-digit dialing period should begin on Monday, February 4, 2002.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. Staff recommends that this docket should remain open pending the implementation of rate center consolidation and number pooling in the Keys, as well the implementation of overlay relief plan in the 305/786 NPAs. (FORDHAM)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Staff recommends that this docket should remain open pending the implementation of rate center consolidation and number pooling in the Keys, as well the implementation of overlay relief plan in the 305/786 NPAs. Once rate center consolidation and number pooling is implemented in the Keys, and overlay relief plans are implemented in the 305/786 NPAs, staff will recommend that this docket be closed.