

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for review of  
proposed numbering plan relief  
for the 561 area code.

DOCKET NO. 990456-TL  
ORDER NO. PSC-01-2145-PCO-TL  
ISSUED: November 2, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
BRAULIO L. BAEZ

ORDER REGARDING PERMISSIVE AND MANDATORY DIALING SCHEDULE  
AND "ODDBALL" CODE REQUIREMENTS

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. Case Background

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, we 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 it believed our Order was inconsistent with the NPA Assignment Guidelines.

On January 8, 2001, we filed an expedited petition with 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 our 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.

By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, we also 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 Order addresses the carrier

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recommended permissive and mandatory implementation dialing dates for the 772 area code.

## II. Proposed Schedule for Permissive and Mandatory Implementation

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.

Upon consideration, we agree 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. As such, we find that the given time frame is sufficient for the carriers to implement the relief plan and to adequately inform the residential customers and business customers of the necessary changes, pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL. At this time, we also emphasize that Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL required 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 No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL at p. 87. Carriers are on notice that this requirement still remains in effect.

Based on the foregoing, we hereby approve the carrier recommended permissive date of February 11, 2002, and mandatory dialing date of November 11, 2002, for the 772 area code.

## III. "Odd-ball" Code Requirements

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, in Docket No. 010614-TL, we ordered that BellSouth's request to duplicate oddball codes of some of the NXXs in the 386 area code

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be granted for a limited time. Therein, we provided a time frame for BellSouth to make necessary changes so that the numbering resources in the 386 area code will be utilized more efficiently. In that order, we 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 No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL at p. 5.

Similar to the issue addressed in that Order, 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. Therefore, in keeping with our decision in Order PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, BellSouth's company-specific oddball codes shall be duplicated in the 772 area code until March 31, 2003, to allow a transition period to provide notice to customers and print phone books.

We emphasize that these codes are considered company-specific oddball codes and appear to be problematic in every area code in Florida. Therefore, we find it appropriate to address this procedural problem in this docket as well.

Based on foregoing, we hereby adopt the odd-ball code requirements set forth in Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, for purposes of the 561 area code. BellSouth may duplicate specific oddball codes until March 31, 2003.

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It is therefore

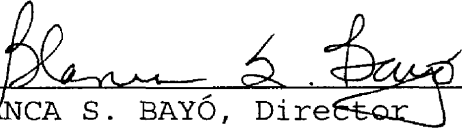
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the carrier recommended permissive dialing date of February 11, 2002, and mandatory dialing date of November 11, 2002, for the 772 area code are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the odd-ball code requirements set forth in Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, are hereby adopted for purposes of the 561 area code. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth may duplicate specific oddball codes until March 31, 2003. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket may be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 2nd Day of November, 2001.

  
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BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.