

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for review of proposed numbering plan relief for the 305/786 area code - Dade County and Monroe County/Keys Region.

DOCKET NO. 990455-TL  
ORDER NO. PSC-05-0629-FOF-TL  
ISSUED: June 9, 2005

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

BRAULIO L. BAEZ, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, in Docket No. 990455-TL, we approved relief plans for the 305/786 area codes (NPAs) for the Florida Keys (Keys). The approved relief plan extended the existing 786 area code (which presently covers the Miami-Dade area) to cover the Keys region. However, we withheld the approval of implementation dates for this area code, pending the outcome of various number conservation measures. Further, we directed the Local Exchange Companies (LECs), in the affected area, to jointly file a notice and recommend, no later than October 1, 2001, the permissive and mandatory dialing periods.

On April 10, 2001, the LECs recommended 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. By Order No. PSC-01-1456-PCO-TL, issued July 11, 2001, we approved a permissive 7 or 10-digit local dialing period<sup>1</sup> for the 305/786 area codes for the Keys beginning on August 1, 2001, but disagreed with the industry's proposal to begin mandatory 10-digit dialing November 1, 2001 stating:

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.

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<sup>1</sup> A permissive dialing period is a period of time during which calls placed to the area to be served by the new NPA can be completed whether the new or the existing NPA code is dialed by the caller.

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We directed our staff to bring a recommendation for a revised mandatory 10-digit dialing date for the Keys in the future when a realistic exhaust date for this area could be determined with greater certainty.

At the time this docket was opened, the estimated exhaust date for the 305 area code over the Florida Keys was the third quarter 2001, and the North America Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) advised that there were only 14 central office codes (140,000 numbers) left to be assigned. Through this Commission's pro-active number conservation measures of rate center consolidation<sup>2</sup>, number pooling<sup>3</sup>, and number reclamation<sup>4</sup> in the Keys, the estimated exhaust date has now been moved from the first quarter 2001 to the second quarter 2009. Currently there are 28 central office codes (280,000 numbers) available for assignment from NANPA, and 169 one-thousand number blocks (169,000 numbers) available for assignment from the number pooling administrator, for a total of 449,000 numbers now available for assignment in the Keys.

NANPA maintains a "trigger points" report for area code relief whereby it notifies state commissions and the industry when a certain date has arrived. We find that NANPA shall be requested to add the 305 area code for the Keys to its "trigger points" report to notify the Commission 18 months in advance of the exhaust of the 305 area code over the Keys. This will allow sufficient time to implement mandatory 10-digit dialing in the Keys and extend the 786 area code over the Keys as an overlay. Permissive 10-digit dialing which was effective September 1, 2001, shall remain in place until that time. Because the projected exhaust date of the 305 area code over the Keys is four years away, it is unnecessary to leave this docket open at this time, and, accordingly, it shall now be closed.

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<sup>2</sup> By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, in Docket No. 990455-TL, the Commission ordered rate center consolidation in the Keys, consolidating the Big Pine Key, Marathon, Islamorada, North Key Largo, Key Largo, Sugarloaf Key, and Key West rate centers into one rate center, now known as the Keys. Although protests to the PAA regarding rate center consolidation were received, BellSouth and the Office of Public Counsel entered into a stipulation to implement rate center consolidation in the Keys. By Order PSC-01-0091-PAA-TL, issued January 10, 2001, the Commission approved the stipulation.

<sup>3</sup> Thousands-block number pooling is the process by which telephone companies share a pool of telephone numbers that have the same central office code. Historically, telephone numbers that have been assigned to service providers in the blocks of 10,000 numbers. Thousands-block number pooling allows phone numbers to be allocated to service providers in blocks of 1,000, instead of the historical 10,000 number blocks, which conserves numbers and provides for more efficient number utilization. By Order No. PSC-01-0808-AS-TL, issued March 27, 2001, the Commission approved initiation of number pooling in the Keys.

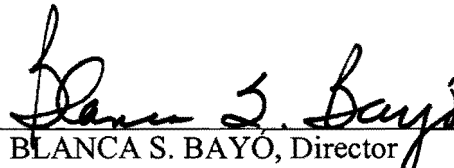
<sup>4</sup> A central office code is subject to be reclaimed and returned to inventory if it is not activated within six months of being assigned, and the carrier cannot provide the Commission a reason for extension of the reclamation date. The Commission authorized staff to administer the number reclamation process at the October 17, 2000, Internal Affairs.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that NANPA be requested to add the 305 area code for the Keys to its "trigger points" report to notify this Commission 18 months in advance of the exhaust of the 305 area code over the Keys. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 9th day of June, 2005.

  
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BLANCA S. BAYO, 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the

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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 and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.