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1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document specifies guidelines for the assignment of NXX codes within the 9YY Service Access Code (SAC) and Numbering Plan Area (NPA) to service providers (SPs).

1.1 For the purpose of these assignment guidelines, unique NXX codes will be utilized within the 9YY SAC to identify the individual carriers for routing purposes. A SAC is a non-geographic NPA or Easily Recognizable Code (ERC) used for the purpose of providing access to a specific type of service. ERCs are sometimes referred to as "NYY" codes to signify that N = digits 2-9 and YY = repeating digits 0-9.[1]

1.2 These guidelines are provided to accommodate a method which utilizes unique NXX codes within the 9YY SAC to identify individual SPs in order to allow multiple SPs 9YY access. This method requires an SP to 6-digit translate the 9YY NXX portion of a 9YY-NXX-XXXX[2] number in order to identify the carrier for call routing. Consequently, the assignment of individual NXX codes to specific SPs is required. The 9YY SAC may be accessed by dialing (1)+9YY-NXX-XXXX.[3] As an option, use of 0+9YY-NXX-XXXX dialing may also be allowed for 9YY access. Use of the 101XXXX Carrier Access Code prefix is not consistent with NXX assignment and routing and is therefore not permitted.

1.3 These guidelines were developed by the industry consensus process by the Industry Numbering Committee.

1.4 These guidelines are expected to apply throughout the NANP serving area subject to the appropriate regulatory or governmental procedures and constraints.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The 900 SAC was first introduced in 1971 for information services in which the caller pays for call setup and the specific services associated with the 900 call. In 1986, NANPA issued the 900 NXX Assignment Guidelines in Advisory Letter, AL-86/07-006. The AL described the use of NXX codes to identify individual carriers for routing purposes and contained a set of procedures for obtaining NXX assignments. In 1996, the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) developed the 900 NXX assignment guidelines largely contained herein to replace the previous

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[1] It should be noted that the INC has made the N11 NPAs (e.g. 211) not assignable, and has also reserved the N9X NPAs (where X = digits 0-9) for future NANP expansion purposes. See < www.nanpa.com > for further details. For practical purposes, YY is typically only repeating digits 0 and 2-8.

[2] N = digits 2-9 and X = digits 0-9.

[3] This would not apply to those end user lines from which the subscriber has requested the blocking of all 9YY calls.