

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF NANPA ON BEHALF OF THE)
KENTUCKY TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY) CASE NO.
FOR APPROVAL OF NPA RELIEF PLAN FOR THE) 2006-00357
270 NPA)

O R D E R

On June 2, 2009, the Kentucky Public Service Commission issued an Order amending previously established implementation dates for the 364 Numbering Plan Area (“NPA”). In that Order, it was determined that the permissive dialing period for the new 364 NPA would begin no later than January 1, 2012 and that the Commission would defer setting a date certain for mandatory dialing.

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) has recently issued a further revision of the projected exhaust date for the 270 NPA.¹ At the time of the previous Commission Order in this matter, the exhaust date was the second quarter of 2012, but projections have now been revised to the first quarter of 2014. According to NANPA, the time added to the projected exhaust date of the 270 NPA is the result of a reduced historical and projected demand for numbering resources in the 270 NPA. Additionally, the implementation of thousands-block number pooling within the 270 NPA has increased the amount of available numbers and the efficiency with which existing resources are utilized.

¹ Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (“NRUF”) – NPA Exhaust Analysis, April 2010.

On April 30, 2010, NANPA also rescinded the jeopardy status placed on the 270 NPA. The 270 NPA was originally declared to be in a jeopardy condition by NANPA on August 31, 2006, and procedures were imposed to ration numbers such that only three Central Office codes could be assigned each month. However, because the available supply of thousands-block codes is anticipated to sustain demand longer than previously forecasted, NANPA determined the jeopardy is no longer warranted.

PERMISSIVE DIALING DATE

Having reviewed the most recent NPA exhaustion information from NANPA, the Commission finds that the implementation dates for the new 364 NPA should be suspended in order to avoid prematurely implementing numbering relief for the 270 NPA. Thus, the permissive dialing period of January 1, 2012 is hereby stricken and the Commission will defer setting a scheduled date for the start of permissive dialing. The Commission will continue to monitor developments with respect to available numbers in the 270 NPA and future NRUF adjustments, and will make a determination as to the future of the relief efforts implemented in this case at a later date. By deferring an implementation date for permissive dialing, the Commission acts with the intent of preventing incumbent local exchange carriers, competitive local exchange carriers, and wireless providers from prematurely beginning preparations for the start of permissive dialing.

In addition, at this time the Commission will continue to defer setting a date certain for mandatory dialing to begin. Based upon the recent history of NRUF updates from NANPA regarding the life expectancy of the 270 NPA, the Commission believes that numbering conservation measures, along with the decrease in demand for

numbering resources within the 270 NPA, may continue to delay its projected exhaust date and extend the life of that area code.

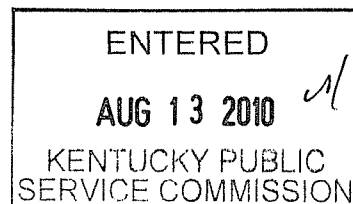
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The permissive dialing date of January 1, 2012 and the implementation schedule issued by the Commission on June 2, 2009 are hereby suspended. No other permissive dialing date is set by this Order.

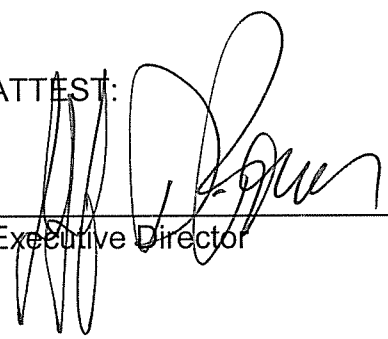
2. The Commission shall continue to monitor developments in the 270 NPA and make a determination as to the future of relief efforts, including implementation dates for permissive dialing, when necessary.

3. The mandatory dialing date shall remain open until further Order by the Commission.

By the Commission



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