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Docket No. 43466

IN RE: Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator on Behalf of the Georgia Telecommunications Industry for Relief of the 404-470-678-770 Area Code Complex

ORDER APPROVING ALL-SERVICES OVERLAY

I. Background

In April 2020, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA") published its semi-annual Numbering Resource Utilization/ Forecast ("NRUF") and NPA Exhaust Analysis (April 2020 NRUF Report) notifying the Georgia Telecommunications Industry ("Industry") and the Staff of the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") that without any means of relief, Georgia would exhaust the supply of Central Office codes in the 404/470/678/770 NPA complex during the second quarter of 2023. On August 6, 2020, NANPA held an Industry relief planning meeting where a consensus was reached to recommend an all-services distributed overlay relief plan ("Relief Plan"). On August 28, 2020, NANPA, on behalf of the Industry, filed a petition for approval of the Industry's consensus decision recommending an all-services distributed overlay plan for relief of the 404/470/678/770 NPA complex.

The all-services distributed overlay remains the most cost-effective and preferred method of relief. This plan will overlay a new area code over the same geographic area covered by the existing 404/470/678/770 NPA complex. All existing customers will retain their current area code in the overlay area and will not have to change their telephone numbers. The current dialing plan will remain unchanged.

In accordance with regulations of the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) NPA Code Relief and Planning and Notification Guidelines (Section 5.6.1), there is no requirement for a permissive dialing period since mandatory 10-digit dialing is already in place in the 404/470/678/770 NPA complex. Upon exhaustion of the 404/470/678/770 NPA complex code assignments will be made in the new overlay area code.

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The NANPA recommended an implementation timeframe for the all services overlay based on the projected exhaust date of the NPA complex in the fourth quarter of 2022. The customer education and network preparation period shall commence over a nine month period prior to the exhaust date. The effective date of the new NPA and earliest activation of central office codes in the new NPA shall begin after completion of the customer education and network preparation period and after all central office codes are exhausted.

The NANPA will elect specific dates at the next implementation meeting ensuring the dates do not interfere with holidays, high traffic calling days or other implementation activities occurring across the country. The timeframe implementation schedule ensures that the Industry will have sufficient time to modify their networks and equipment and educate telecommunications customers about the introduction of a new area code in the 404/470/678/770 NPA complex. The Commission adopts the NANPA's recommended timeframe.

II. Staff Recommendation

As a result of the consensus and review of the initial relief planning meeting, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the all-services distributed overlay plan subject to certain numbering conservation measures as ordered in Docket No. 10448.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission finds the Staff recommendation reasonable and adopts it for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves an all-services overlay over the 404/470/678/770 NPA complex subject to certain numbering conservation measures as ordered in Docket No. 10448 and as previously ordered in this docket.

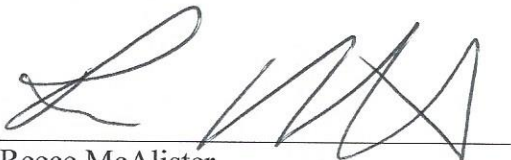
ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission hereby approves the implementation timeframe set forth in the body of this Order for the all-services distributed overlay.

ORDERED FURTHER, that all findings, conclusions and decisions contained within the preceding sections of this Order are adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decisions of regulatory policy of this Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that any motion for reconsideration, rehearing or oral argument shall not stay the effectiveness of this Order unless expressly so ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this proceeding is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 6th day of October 2020.



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Executive Secretary

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