

NANPA CO Code Administration:

On August 2 and 5, 2002, CTC submitted to NANPA a request for two thousands-blocks in specific number ranges in the 978 NPA to meet the needs of one of its customers, a manufacturing facility. On August 5, 2002, NANPA denied CTC's requests for the thousands-blocks on the grounds that CTC had not met the months-to-exhaust requirement. On August 12, 2002, CTC submitted a waiver request to the Department, accompanied by a Motion for Protective Treatment of certain confidential information, including but not limited to utilization data and the customer name.

The Department has afforded blanket protective treatment to utilization, fill-rate, and months-to-exhaust information, but had never been presented with a formal request for protective treatment of a customer name in the context of a waiver request. Because the waiver requests require information (i.e. whether the need for numbers is based on growth, relocation, expansion, etc.) which the customer might not choose to share with the public, and because the Department has traditionally afforded protective treatment to customer information, the Department hereby extends its blanket protective treatment to the identities of customers whose needs form the basis of waiver requests. Carriers requesting waivers from the Department will not be required to identify the customer in the public version of the waiver request, but because the Department considers whether the public is interest served by granting a waiver request, carriers will be required to identify the type of business the customer is engaged in, for example a hospital, educational institution, large manufacturer, pay-per-call entertainment line, etc.

On August 30, 2002, the Hearing Officer stamp-granted CTC's Motion for Confidential Treatment. The customer, a manufacturing facility, needs two thousands-blocks for its near-term expansion, and CTC cannot meet the customer's needs from its existing inventory. Based on proprietary information submitted to the Department with its waiver request, CTC's inability to meet its customer's numbering needs does not result from its having utilized its numbering resources in an imprudent manner.

The Department grants CTC's waiver request and directs Neustar to assign two thousands-blocks to CTC. According to CTC's waiver request, the customer requests blocks in the 4000 and 8000 number ranges.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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