

EXHIBIT A

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
413 NPA RELIEF PLANNING INDUSTRY MEETING
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2000**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Pamela Kenworthy, NeuStar, Inc. NPA Relief Planner, introduced herself and then asked the attendees to introduce themselves and identify the companies they represented. There were 22 participants at the meeting representing 13 different entities. See Attachment #1 for the names of those who attended. See Attachment #2 for the agenda. The agenda was reviewed and no alterations were made to the discussion items or the timetable.

NANPA'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Ms. Kenworthy shared specific points regarding NANPA's role and responsibilities. A complete summary of the Federal Communications Commission Action Regarding Administration of the North American Numbering Plan can be found at the following website address:
www.atis.org/atis/nanp/nanpreq.htm.

Ms. Kenworthy provided the meeting participants with various web site addresses containing information regarding NANPA and its relief activities and responsibilities. The list also included the web site addresses of Eastern area NPA Relief Planning staff members and their contact information.

REVIEW OF INDUSTRY GUIDELINES AND ATIS ORGANIZATION

Ms. Kenworthy stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the industry to come to consensus on a single NPA relief plan to submit to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy for consideration. She summarized the NPA relief planning process, including goals and objectives, and how the process is governed by certain guidelines developed by the telecommunications industry. She also reviewed Sections 1 through 12 of the NPA Code Relief Planning and Notification Guidelines (INC 97-0404-016; Re-Issued November 1999). This document can be obtained from the internet at www.atis.org/atis/clc/inc/incdocs.htm. In addition, Ms. Kenworthy described the relationship of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") organization to the relief planning process, including the ATIS consensus process and the consensus process described in the industry guidelines.

It was noted that only consensus items would be recorded in the minutes and statements which were not adopted pursuant to the consensus process could be included in the meeting minutes in the form of a "Statement for the Record" by the particular company or companies which supported the statement. The meeting format was reviewed and participants were reminded that the meeting minutes serve as the basis of the filing of the recommended relief plan with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

NPA RELIEF ALTERNATIVE ATTRIBUTES

Ms. Kenworthy reviewed a summary of General NPA Relief Attributes. Modifications were made by industry consensus to the Attributes and have been incorporated. See Attachment #3.

NPA INFORMATION

Details regarding the 413 NPA were discussed. A monthly code assignment history was reviewed since the beginning of the year 2000 and other pertinent information regarding returned codes, the total available, etc. See attachment #4.

INITIAL PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR 413

Ms. Kenworthy informed the participants that in between the time that the Initial Planning Document (IPD) was distributed (May 23, 2000) and the date of the meeting, the 2000 Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS) became available. Participants received a revised IPD that included a new projected exhaust date for the 413 NPA (1Q2002) and associated projected lives for the alternatives that were developed by NANPA. The IPD proposed three relief alternatives for the 413 NPA: an all services distributed overlay (Alternative #1), and two geographic splits (Alternatives #2 and #3). Maps depicting the various relief alternatives were included with the IPD and described during the meeting. See Attachment #5 for a complete copy of the revised IPD

ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVES FROM INDUSTRY FOR 413

No additional alternatives were suggested by the industry.

ELIMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES

A proposal was made and consensus reached to eliminate the two split options, Alternatives #2 and #3.

Statement for the Record from WorldCom

WorldCom strongly favors the geographic split option, but does not oppose the overlay.

CONSENSUS ON RELIEF ALTERNATIVE

A proposal was made and consensus reached to recommend Alternative #1, an all services distributed overlay, to Massachusetts DTE for relief of the 413 NPA.

CONSENSUS ON A DIALING PLAN

Consistent with current FCC regulations, participants reached consensus to recommend mandatory 10-digit or 11-digit (based on the customer's choice) local dialing by all customers between and within area codes and 11 digit dialing for toll calls.

CONSENSUS ON IMPLEMENTATION INTERVALS

Based on the 2000 COCUS projected exhaust date of 1Q2002, the industry reached consensus on the following implementation schedule which it considered "ideal":

6 months network preparation
12 months permissive dialing
1 month to earliest code activation

INDUSTRY COMMITMENT ON A TEST NUMBER

Bell Atlantic volunteered to provide a test number for the relief of the 413 NPA. The industry came to consensus for a CO code in the new NPA to be assigned to Bell Atlantic to provide the test number for use of all service providers during this relief effort.

CONSENSUS ON NANPA FILING INDUSTRY EFFORTS WITH COMMISSION

Consensus was reached that NANPA will file the results of the industry 413 NPA relief plan meeting with the Massachusetts DTE. The Petition will cite the following reasons why the two split alternatives were eliminated from consideration.

- Provide a consistent dialing plan throughout Massachusetts
- Less costly for Cellular -Customers do not need a physical number change in their terminal
- Wireline customers do not need to change their numbers
- No split communities of interest.

CONFERENCE CALL TO APPROVE MINUTES

Consensus was reached that the draft minutes and draft filing will be distributed to the industry by July 18, 2000. Additionally, a conference call will be held on the July 25, 2000 to approve the draft filing and meeting minutes. Details regarding the call are as follows:

DATE: July 25, 2000
TIME: 10:00 a.m. Eastern
DIAL: (847) 619-6648 + passcode 5198493

The minutes and Petition were approved during the July 25, 2000 industry conference call with modifications to the NPA information and Implementation schedule. The modifications have been incorporated.