

MEMORANDUM

TO: Larry Strickling, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

FROM: John Hoffman, NANC Chair

DATE: November 16, 1999

RE: NPA Splits

As you know, the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) on October 27, decided to split the 914 NPA along the Westchester and Putnam county boundaries (splitting rate centers). The NYPSC has asked the NANPA to issue a new NPA by the end of this week, in order to implement this decision.

Today, NANC discussed the NYPSC's decision and instructed NANPA to deny the request for a new NPA based on this relief plan. NANC concluded that the NYPSC's decision was inconsistent with Industry Numbering Committee (INC) guidelines, effective August 30, 1999, and the NANC policy, articulated in Chairman Hasselwander's August 26, 1999 letter to you. The splitting of rate centers can lead to a premature exhaust of the affected NPA, and can affect the implementation of local number portability (LNP) and cause other technical problems.

Because of the seriousness of this matter, I wanted to be sure that you are personally aware of these recent developments. If NANC's directions to NANPA are a concern to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the NANC requests that the Bureau review the industry guidelines and provide policy direction to the NANPA on this matter. Due to the severe number shortage situation in the 914 area, your expeditious review of this matter is appreciated.

You should also know that, while the NARUC representatives support NANC policies and goals, the NARUC representatives understand and support state commissions' need for flexibility when dealing with NPA relief within their borders.

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