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Re: **Docket No. 011419-TL**  
**BellSouth's Petition for Expedited Review of Growth Code  
Denials by the North American Numbering Plan  
Administration for the North Dade Exchange**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Expedited Review of NXX Code Denials for the North Dade Exchange, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

  
James Meza III (KA)

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record  
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Nancy B. White

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**Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for Expedited Review of Growth ) Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Code Denials by the North American Numbering )  
Administration for the North Dade Exchange ) Filed: October 30, 2001  
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**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF NXX CODE DENIALS**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(iv), Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Order FCC 00-104, and Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Order No. PSC-01-1873-PCO-TL, petitions the Commission to review the North American Plan Administrator’s (“NANPA”) denial of BellSouth’s request for additional numbering resources in the North Dade exchange. In support of this petition, BellSouth states:

**PARTIES**

1. BellSouth is a corporation organized and formed under the laws of the State of Georgia and an incumbent local exchange company (“ILEC”) regulated by the Commission and authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications and intraLATA toll telecommunications in the State of Florida.

2. NANPA is an independent non-governmental entity, which is responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan (“NANP”). *See* 47 C.F.R. § 52.13(a),(b).

**JURISDICTION**

3. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(iv). This provision provides that a carrier may challenge the NANPA’s decision to deny numbering resources to the appropriate state regulatory commission.

## **BACKGROUND AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

4. On March 31, 2000, the FCC issued Order No. 00-104 (“FCC 00-104” or the “Order”) in the Numbering Resource Optimization docket (Docket No. 99-200). The goal of FCC 00-104 was to implement uniform standards governing requests for telephone numbering resources in order to increase efficiency in the use of telephone numbers and to avoid further exhaustion of telephone numbers under the NANP.

5. Among other things, FCC 00-104 adopted a revised standard for assessing a carrier’s need for numbering resources by requiring rate center based utilization rates to be reported to NANPA. FCC Order at § 105. The FCC further required that, to qualify for access to new numbering resources, applicants must establish that existing numbering inventory within the applicant’s rate center will be exhausted within six months of the application. Prior to the ruling, the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, used by the industry and NANPA to make code assignments, required the applicant’s existing number inventory within the applicant’s serving switch to exhaust within a specific months-to-exhaust (“MTE”) of the code application in order for a code to be assigned or for the carrier to prove that it was unable to meet a specific customer’s request with its current inventory of numbers. The FCC stated that the shift to a “rate center” basis for determining the need for new numbering resources was intended to “more accurately reflect how numbering resources are assigned” and to allow “carriers to obtain numbering resources in response to specific customer demands.” FCC Order at ¶ 105.

6. As a result of FCC 00-104, the FCC adopted 47 C.F.R. § 52.15 (g)(iii) and (iv) which provides:

All service providers shall maintain no more than a six-month inventory of telephone numbers in each rate center or service area in which it provides telecommunications service.

The NANPA shall withhold numbering resources from any U.S. carrier that fails to comply with the reporting and numbering resources application requirements established in this part. The NANPA shall not issue numbering resources to a carrier without an Operating Company Number (OCN). The NANPA must notify the carrier in writing of its decision to withhold numbering resources within ten (10) days of receiving a request for numbering resources. The carrier may challenge the NANPA's decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission. The state regulatory commission may affirm or overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination of compliance with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein.

7. On December 29, 2000, the FCC also released FCC 00-429, which reaffirmed FCC 00-104 and also required carriers to meet a 60 percent initial utilization threshold. FCC 00-429 at ¶ 26. Based on these two FCC orders, carriers are required to meet a six MTE criteria as well as a utilization threshold on a rate center/exchange basis in order to be granted additional numbering resources. *Id.* at ¶ 29.

8. Since the beginning of this year, BellSouth has submitted several requests for additional numbering resources to NANPA and NeuStar, the pooling administrator, for assignment of additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customers in several Florida exchanges, including Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando, North Dade, and Miami.

9. BellSouth has completed these applications in accordance with the Industry Numbering Committee's (INC's) guidelines and filled out the necessary Months-to-Exhaust Certification Worksheets as required.

10. BellSouth has utilized mechanisms such as number pooling to manage its numbering resources in the most efficient manner. However, as the Commission is well aware, in some circumstances, BellSouth has been required to petition the Commission for relief.

11. On May 25, 2001, BellSouth petitioned the Commission to develop an expedited process to review NANPA's denial of a request for additional numbering resources. As a result of the BellSouth's Petition and the Commission's efforts to make numbering resources available to carriers, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-01-1873-PCO-TL setting forth an expedited code denial process.

12. As for this request for additional numbering resources for the North Dade exchange, BellSouth states the following:

13. The North Dade exchange consists of four (4) central offices and four (4) switching entities that utilize numbering resources: Arch Creek (NDADEFLACDS0), Brentwood (NDADFLBRDS0), Golden Glades (NDADFLGGDS0), and Oleta (NDADEFLOLDS0).

14. On September 28, 2001, BellSouth requested additional numbering resources from NANPA for the Brentwood switch. *See* Attachment 1. Specifically, the request was for general growth numbering resources that were necessary to retain a six (6) month inventory of telephone numbers in the Brentwood switch.

15. At the time of the code request, the North Dade exchange had a MTE of 7.5 and a utilization of over 75%, while the MTE for the Brentwood switch (NDADFLBRDS0) was 3.30.

16. On October 8, 2001, NANPA denied BellSouth's request for additional numbering resources because BellSouth had not met the rate center based MTE criteria, notwithstanding the fact that BellSouth's MTE for the Brentwood switch was less than six MTE. *See Attachment 2.*

17. Pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-01-1973-PCO-TL, attached to this Petition is the MTE and utilization rate for each switch in the North Dade exchange. *See Attachment 3.*

18. BellSouth's request for additional growth codes in the North Dade exchange would not materially impact exhaustion of available numbers in the 786 area code.

19. As discussed above, both the FCC's Order and NANPA's Central Office Code Guidelines provide that state regulatory authorities have the power and authority to review NANPA's decision to deny a request for numbering resources. *See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3)(iv); § 13.0 of the NANPA Central Office Code (NXX) Guidelines.*

20. Under earlier MTE procedures used by NANPA, waivers or exceptions were granted when customer hardships could be demonstrated or when the service provider's inventory did not have a block of sequential numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific request. Under existing procedures, NANPA looks at the number of MTE and utilization for the entire rate center without any exceptions. The current process is arbitrary and results in (1) decisions contrary to the public interest and welfare

of consumers in the State of Florida; and (2) decisions that do not necessarily promote the efficient use of telephone numbers.

21. Unfortunately, BellSouth's inability to obtain numbering resources in the above switch, which is necessary to meet its customers' numbering demands in multi-switch rate centers, will not be the last time BellSouth experiences this problem. BellSouth has a total of 101 rate centers in Florida with 30 of these being multi-switch rate centers. Some of the switches within these multi-switch rate centers are already within or near the six MTE. BellSouth, however, believes that it will be unable to meet the six MTE threshold at the rate center level in all of these multi-switch rate centers, jeopardizing its ability to adequately comply with its carrier of last resort obligations.

22. BellSouth requests that the Commission's reverse NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from BellSouth on the following grounds:

(a) NANPA's denial of numbering resources to BellSouth interferes with BellSouth's ability to serve its customers within the State of Florida.

(b) The MTE at the rate center level requirement is discriminatory against the ILEC because the ILEC is typically the only local service provider with multiple switches in a rate center. The new FCC rules for obtaining numbering resources both penalizes and discriminates against the ILECs for deploying multiple switches. BellSouth believes that it is patently unfair to require that the ILEC only get six MTE in all the switches it has deployed in a rate center, when the ALECs, which have recently entered the local service market, have to meet the MTE requirement in only the single switch that they have deployed to serve their customers in a single rate center or even multiple rate centers.



(c) As a result of NANPA's denial of BellSouth's request for additional numbering resources, BellSouth will be unable to provide telecommunications services to its customers as required under Florida law.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth requests:


1. The Commission review the decision of the NANPA to deny BellSouth's request for additional numbering resources for the North Dade exchange; and
2. The Commission direct NANPA to provide the requested code for the North Dade exchange as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October, 2001

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CO CODE ASSIGNMENT

MONTHS TO EXHAUST CERTIFICATION WORKSHEET - TN Level<sup>1</sup>

(Worksheet to be used for Requests for Additional Codes for Growth)

Date: 9/28/01 Company Name: Bell South

Rate Center: NORTH DAE

NPA(s)-NXXs included in growth calculation?: SEE ATTACHED

Signature of Authorized Representative of Code Applicant: Rena Wickie  
Title: Code Administrator Telephone No.: (404) 927-4917 FAX No.: (404) 524-2918

A. Telephone Numbers (TNs) Available for Assignment (See Glossary<sup>3</sup>): 36,585

	Month #1	Month #2	Month #3	Month #4	Month #5	Month #6	Month #7	Month #8	Month #9	Month #10	Month #11	Month #12
B. Previous 6-month growth history <sup>4</sup>	<u>493</u>	<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>489</u>						
C. Forecast - Next months 1-12 <sup>5</sup>	<u>4,543</u>	<u>4,679</u>	<u>4,819</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>5,266</u>	<u>5,424</u>	<u>5,587</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>6,105</u>	<u>6,288</u>

D. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months 1-6 Part C above divided by 6): 4,897

E. Months to Exhaust<sup>6</sup> =  $\frac{\text{Telephone Numbers (TNs) Available for Assignment (A)}}{\text{Average Monthly Forecast (D)}}$  = 7.5

F. Utilization Level<sup>7</sup> =  $\frac{\text{Telephone Numbers (TNs) Assigned}}{\text{Total Numbering Resources in Applicant's Inventory}} \times 100$  = 75 %

Explanation: Code for growth in NOAOF LBR DSO

1 A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Code Administrator; for audit purposes, it must be in the applicant's files.

2 Report on all resources for the requested geographic area, including newly acquired codes.

3 Definitions of terms may be found in the Glossary section of the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines.

4 Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month #1, and Month #6 as the current month.

5 Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month #1.

6 To be assigned an additional CO Code (NXX) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (FCC 00-104, § 52.15 (g) (3) (iii)).

7 Newly acquired numbers (see glossary) may be excluded from the utilization calculation (FCC 00-104, § 52.15 (g) (3) (ii)).

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Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request - Part3  
Effective May 18, 1998

Code Request Tracking Number: 786-129076

**FL DENIAL**

Administrator's Response/Confirmation

Date of Application: September 28, 2001 Date of Receipt: September 28, 2001

Date of Response: October 8, 2001 Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Entity Name: BELLSOUTH TELECOMM INC DBA SOUTHERN BELL TEL & TEL

Code Administrator Contact Information:

Terah Adger  
Signature of Code Administrator

Phone: 9253638705

Terah Adger  
Name (print)

Fax: 9253638714

NPA: 786 Code Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of NXX Code Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

a. Switch Identification (Switching Entity/POI): NDAFLBRDS0 Rate Center: NORTH DADE

b. The Code Administrator is \_\_\_\_\_, is not  responsible for inputting Part 2 information into RDBS and BRIDS.

c. Routing and Rating information complete: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Additional RDBS and BRIDS information necessary as follows:

No

d. To be published in the LERG and TMP by \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional RDBS and BRIDS information needs to be received by the code administrator no later than \_\_\_\_\_

Code Reserved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your code will be honored until \_\_\_\_\_

Switch Identification (Switching Entity / POI): \_\_\_\_\_

Form incomplete

Additional information required in the following section(s):

Months to exhaust exceeds 6.0 months (#E = 7.5 MONTHS)

Form complete, code request denied

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment activity suspended by the administrator

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Further Action: \_\_\_\_\_

NPA in jeopardy: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, refer to Section 7 of the assignment guidelines.

Change/Disconnect List: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

OCN 9417- According to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, Section 4.2.1, code holders requesting growth codes must demonstrate that existing codes within the rate center will exhaust within 6.0 months. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this code request, please refer to the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines for the appeals process.