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PETITION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN	§	
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
ON BEHALF OF THE TEXAS	§	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY	§	OF TEXAS
FOR RELIEF OF THE 281/346/713/832	§	
NPA OVERLAY		

JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 2

I. BACKGROUND

On May 11, 2023, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”), in its role as the neutral third-party Numbering Plan Area (“NPA”) relief planner under the North American Numbering Plan, petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”) on behalf of the Texas telecommunications industry to approve an additional all-services distributed overlay NPA for relief for the greater Houston area 281/346/713/832 NPA. NANPA submitted the petition based upon its projections that, absent NPA relief, the supply of central office codes for the 281/346/713/832 NPA will exhaust during the third quarter of 2025.

On June 1, 2023, Commission Staff filed a Joint Response to Order No. 1 and proposed a method for processing this project as well as a procedural schedule. Staff proposed a 30-day public comment period after appropriate notification where interested parties may file their comments into the docket, that affected customers be informed by a notice in their bill, and that the Commission will issue a press release to major regional news organizations.

On June 5, 2023, the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) issued Order No. 2, which requires the parties to confirm or clarify by June 20, 2023 whether notice as originally proposed in Commission Staff’s June 1, 2023 filing remains appropriate and if any other changes to processing of the proposed procedural schedule are necessary. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RESPONSE

The parties still propose a 30-day comment period with a PUC press release to major regional news organizations as well as a bill insert with information comparable to that provided in the press release to notify customers about the addition of the new overlay NPA. Commission Staff is invited to attend the Industry implementation meetings to ensure that all

appropriate information is included in the customer notification bill insert. Informing customers by a notification included in their bill, direct mail, text messaging, email etc. about the new NPA is standard Industry practice, regardless of the need for any dialing-pattern changes.¹ Therefore, Staff supports the bill notice to inform customers about the new NPA.

III. CONCLUSION

After an opportunity for input and review, NANPA has no objections to the above method for processing this proceeding. Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this response.

Dated: June 20, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ Petition, Customer Education Milestones at 6 (May 11, 2023).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on June 20, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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