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**FIFTH ANNUAL NANPA REPORT PROVIDES IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS
OF NORTH AMERICA AREA CODE TRENDS**

Reveals Six-Year Extension of North American Numbering Plan

Washington, DC, March 12, 2003— In its vital role as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc. has released the 2002 NANPA Annual Report, detailing a comprehensive review of NeuStar/NANPA's operational performance and telephone number utilization and forecasting data for 2002. This report is the fifth annual report produced by NeuStar as the NANPA.

NeuStar/NANPA works closely with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and state regulatory authorities to manage and administer the explosion of telephone number usage in the United States. Based on an in-depth study by NeuStar/NANPA, recent regulatory conservation measures on number assignments have added six more years to the projected life of North America's 10-digit numbering plan.

The NANPA Annual Report reviews NeuStar/NANPA's 2002 operational performance, encompassing a thorough examination of the necessary and critical responsibilities of NANPA, including code administration, area code exhaust forecasting and relief planning, and the collection and reporting of telephone number utilization and forecast data. The report presents extensive quality measurements, including customer satisfaction feedback information gathered through periodic surveys. Also discussed are the systems and tools developed and deployed by NANPA to assist telecommunications service providers with applying, receiving, and reporting on assigned numbering resources.

"Following in the spirit of the FCC, state regulatory authorities and the telecommunications industry as a whole, NeuStar understands and appreciates the critical nature of phone number conservation in North America," said Ron Connors, Director of NeuStar/NANPA. "Our commitment, as demonstrated by our accomplishments in 2002, is to provide high quality, neutral third party administration of the North American Numbering Plan."

In 2002, NeuStar/NANPA investigations found and released more than 27 million phone numbers previously considered unavailable for assignment. Less visible, but even more important, NeuStar/NANPA helped to maintain telephone service for more than 100,000 customers who might have been cut off when their telephone companies withdrew from the telecommunications market.

The 2002 NANPA Annual Report and other useful numbering data and resources are available online at www.nanpa.com.

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About NANPA

NeuStar, Inc., selected by the Federal Communications Commission to serve as the NANPA, is the neutral third party administrator that develops area code relief plans in collaboration with the telecommunications industry. NANPA also oversees the assignment of area codes, three-digit central office codes, carrier identification codes, and other numbering resources throughout the United States, Canada, Bermuda and 16 Caribbean countries. Visit NANPA online at www.nanpa.com

About NeuStar

NeuStar is built on a foundation of trust and neutrality established over years of securely and successfully managing critical registry and infrastructure services for the communications industry. These communication services enable effective numbering administration and optimization; the routing of virtually every phone call dialed in North America; the management of the global top-level Internet domains .US and .BIZ; and the coordination of Operating Support Systems (OSS) between local and long distance providers. Visit www.neustar.biz for more information on NeuStar and its services.

Editor's Note: Hard copies of the 2002 NANPA Annual Report will be available on March 31, by contacting Barbara Blackwell, at 571-434-5754 or Barbara.Blackwell@nanpa.com.

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