

Effects of the FCC's NRO Order on Code Administration
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The purpose of this document is to make you, a potential applicant for Central Office Codes, aware of certain provisions in the FCC numbering order ("NRO Order"), which has been in effect since July 2000. These provisions affect the submission and processing of applications for central office codes.

Listed below are changes in effect to the procedures for central office code applications and assignments.

1. Applications for central office codes must be submitted on the new forms, which may be found on the ATIS website at this URL:

<http://www.atis.org/inc/docs.asp>

The central office code application can also be found in the NANP Administration System (NAS), the system used by service providers and NANPA to apply for and assign central office codes. To access the system, go to the NANPA website (www.nanpa.com).

2. The NRO order requires that you have an NRUF Form 502 on file with NANPA for each NPA (for non-pooling area codes) and for each rate center (for pooling area codes) in which you request central office code assignments. An NRUF, for the current reporting cycle (February 1 and August 1 for every year), must be on file with NANPA in order for the carrier to receive numbering resources.
3. If you are requesting an initial assignment of a central office code, you must include in your application
 - a) Evidence of certification
 - 1) Wireline carriers should include documentation demonstrating that you have been certified by the state regulatory commission to do business in the area for which you are requesting codes or that you have met the applicable certification requirements for the state in which you are doing business.
 - 2) Wireless carriers should provide a copy of their appropriate FCC license.

If the name on the license or certification is not the same as on the application, please provide a written explanation.

- b) Evidence documenting your readiness to provide service within sixty (60) days of the code effective date. Listed below are acceptable forms of evidence
1. An executed interconnection agreement between a Local Exchange Carrier and the service provider requesting numbering resources. The relevant pages are the cover page, area covered and the signature page from the interconnection agreement.
 2. Service Provider developed business plans to provide service in this area. Relevant excerpts from the Business Plan to include planned coverage area and in service dates.¹
 3. A letter from the SP indicating the scheduled switch installation complete date (month/day/year), including the address location, as well as Point of Interconnection or CLLI.
 4. The service order request, pre-planning checklist, or the equivalent to show that facilities for origination or termination for calls being used specifically for the requested code(s) have been requested and are anticipated to be completed prior to the effective date of the code (See Appendix A for an example of a pre-planning checklist showing the identified fields which must be completed).
 5. A confirmation letter or letter of intent provided by the entity with which the requesting SP will interconnect. Interconnecting carriers are encouraged, but not required, to provide such letters.
 6. The construction schedule including the following information: site identifier, latitude and longitude of the cell site, and its construction start or complete date. The numbers assigned to the facilities identified must serve subscribers in the geographic area corresponding with the rate center requested.
 7. A letter from the requesting carrier identifying a code in service in another rate center that already uses the same facilities that will be used to serve the new rate center where the initial code is being requested.

If the documentation is voluminous (more than 5 pages), please mark the relevant sections so that the code administrator may readily determine if the documents submitted meet the FCC Numbering Order. If NANPA cannot clearly ascertain through the documentation provided that the applicant is authorized to provide services and operational readiness in the area for which the codes(s) are requested, NANPA will deny the code request.

¹ Provision of business plans may not be sufficient proof of facilities readiness in some serving areas.

4. If you are requesting growth codes, you must fill out and submit the MTE form, which includes utilization calculations. The MTE form you submit must demonstrate that all of the numbers assigned to you in the rate center will exhaust within six (6) months. (The calculation in Line 3 of the MTE form must yield a number less than or equal to 6.0) The FCC has directed NANPA to deny applications that do not meet this criterion. Further, in response to a NANPA inquiry dated February 25, 2002, the FCC Common Carrier Bureau (now the Wireline Competition Bureau) restated the requirement that intermediate numbers are to be included in the denominator of the utilization calculation.

In order to receive additional central office codes, the MTE form you submit must show 75% utilization or better. Intermediate numbers may also be included in the numerator to the extent that the entity receiving them as assigned them to an end user.* Numbering resources activated in the Telcordia™ LERG™ Routing Guide within the preceding 90 days of reporting utilization levels may be excluded from the utilization calculation.** Number resources are classified in the following number use categories: Assigned, intermediate, reserved, aging and administrative. (See FCC 00-104 at 52.15 (1) and 52.15 (5) (i) for more information.)

*The carrier who receives the numbers from NANPA should be prepared to demonstrate that the numbers have been assigned.

**If a carrier chooses to exclude the newly acquired NXX from the denominator, the carrier must also exclude from the numerator any newly assigned numbers from the newly acquired NXX.

5. NANPA is no longer permitted to allow you to extend the time allowed for your assigned codes to be placed in service. The Part 4 is due within six (6) months of the original effective date returned on the Part 3 and entered on the ACD screen of the Telcordia™ Business Integrated Routing and Rating Database System (BIRRDs).
6. If you wish to dispute NANPA's decision to deny your request for initial or growth central office codes, you must direct your dispute to the appropriate state regulatory commission.