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RE: 555 Numbers

Dear Ms. Stevens, Mr. Williams, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Sclater:

As a follow-up to our discussion with you last April, we wanted to provide you with an update of ATIS Industry Numbering Committee’s (INC) progress on the topic of 555 line numbers. At INC’s July 2016 meeting, INC reached a consensus resolution on its work program related to 555 Line Number Assignments and Reclamation (INC Issue 788), with the following Resolution Statement:

The intended use for 555 numbers included the “provisioning of information services but may include a broad range of existing and future services as well.” However, after 22 years and with only one assigned number currently in service and the existing use of 555-1212 still grandfathered, INC determined that the purpose for which this resource was intended has been accommodated by other information/communication technologies and demand for the resource has declined significantly.

Therefore, INC agreed to create the 555 NXX Line Number Reference Document (ATIS-0300115), sunset the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines (ATIS-0300048), and notify the FCC of its decision.

All 555 line numbers have been returned to the inventory of NANPA resources, with the exception of the 56 line numbers pending regulatory direction to reclaim and the following 555 line numbers, which will remain in use:

- 555-1212 Directory Assistance – national use
- 555-4334 Assigned – national use

The fictitious non-working numbers, 555-0100 through 555-0199 will remain reserved for entertainment/advertising.
NANPA will submit a Change Order to the FCC to modify NAS to remove the ability for a NAS registered user to access the 555 application (555 Part A) and in-service certification (555 Part C) forms as well as the Search 555 Forms function. NANPA will retain the capability to access these functions.

Upon approval of the Change Order, the 555 NXX Reference Document (ATIS-0300115) will be posted on NANPA website as well as on the ATIS website under “INC Reference Documents.” NANPA will also publish a Planning Letter announcing the sunset of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines and the 555 resource.

NANPA has previously requested the Commission’s permission to reclaim the 56 line numbers still assigned. INC recommends that the Commission direct NANPA to reclaim these numbers, as they are not in service.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Signed,

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