

Decision No. C21-0257-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20V-0192T

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN
ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE COLORADO TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INDUSTRY FOR RELIEF FOR THE 303/720 AREA CODE.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION
STAYING RECOMMENDED DECISION
AND ORDERING PETITIONER TO
FILE UPDATED IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

Mailed Date: April 28, 2021

Adopted Date: April 28, 2021

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On April 23, 2021, the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this proceeding issued Recommended Decision No. R21-0248. That decision granted the petition filed by the North American Numbering Planning Administrator (NANPA) on behalf of the Colorado telecommunications industry for the approval of an overlay relief plan to address the anticipated exhaustion of available telephone numbers in the 303/720 numbering plan area.

2. As part of this proceeding, NANPA had worked with industry stakeholders to develop a consensus implementation timeline for Colorado's new area code. That timeline was based on NANPA's projection that the 303 and 720 area codes would run out of numbers in the second quarter of 2023. However, the day before the Recommended Decision issued, NANPA updated its number exhaustion projections and it now anticipates that the 303 and 720 area codes will run out of numbers in the fourth quarter of 2022.

3. The long and short of this is that the consensus timeline reached and approved in this proceeding would have the new area code implemented after the 303 and 720 area codes have likely run out of numbers.

4. Accordingly, we stay the Recommended Decision on our own motion.

5. We also order NANPA to file by May 14, 2021, an updated implementation timeline that accounts for the sooner-than-expected number exhaustion in the 303 and 720 area codes.

II. **ORDER**

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. Recommended Decision No. R21-0248 is stayed pending further Commission action.

2. By May 14, 2021, the North American Numbering Planning Administrator must (NANPA) file an updated implementation timeline that accounts for the sooner-than-expected number exhaustion in the 303 and 720 area codes.

3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 28, 2021.**

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