

(Decision No. C93-113)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED)	
AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY)	DOCKET NO. 93R-052T
COMMISSION'S RULES REGULATING)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE)	
PROVIDERS AND TELEPHONE UTILITIES,)	
4 CCR 723-2)	

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING CONCERNING
A UNIFORM DIALING PATTERN
FOR INTRA-LATA INTEREXCHANGE TOLL CALLS

Adopted Date: January 27, 1993

Mailed Date: January 29, 1993

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission hereby gives notice of proposed rulemaking regarding a uniform dialing pattern for intra-LATA interexchange toll calls. The intent of the proposed rule is to establish a uniform dialing pattern for all intra-LATA interexchange toll calls (calls which are not included within basic local exchange service). The current supply of available central office codes will be exhausted in the near future. In order to provide for more numbers, the Administrator of the North American Numbering Plan and the telecommunications industry have agreed to proceed with the implementation of interchangeable area codes, also referred to as interchangeable NPA's or INPA. The interchangeable area codes change "1+" and "0+" from "toll indicators" to "area code indicators". To preserve a "toll indicator" for consumer

protection it will be necessary to adopt a 1 + ten digit dialing pattern for all intra-Lata interexchange toll calls.

A copy of the proposed rule (i.e., proposed new Rule 21.3 to 4 CCR 723-2) is attached to this notice of proposed rulemaking. The statutory authority for the proposed rule is found at Sections 40-2-108, 40-4-101, and 40-15-306, C.R.S.

The Commission will conduct a hearing on the proposed rule and related issues beginning at 9:00 a.m. on April 6, 1993. The hearing will be conducted by an Administrative Law Judge in Hearing Room A, Office Level (OL) 2, 1580 Logan Street, Denver, Colo. Interested persons may submit written comments on the rule and present these orally at hearing, unless the Commission deems oral presentations unnecessary. Interested persons may file the written comments before the hearing. All submissions will be considered by the Commission.

THEREFORE THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall be filed with the Secretary of State for publication in the February 10, 1993 copy of The Colorado Register. At the time of filing with the Secretary of State, this notice shall also be filed with the Office of Regulatory Reform.

2. Hearing on the proposed rule and related matters shall be held:

DATE: Tuesday, April 6, 1993

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room A, Office Level (OL) 2
1580 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado

3. At the time set for hearing, interested persons may submit written comments and may present these orally unless the Commission deems oral comments unnecessary.

4. Interested persons may file written comments in this Docket before the hearing. The Commission requests that the prefiled written comments be filed ten days before the hearing. However, all submissions will be considered.

ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING January 27, 1993.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Bruce N. Smith
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Executive Secretary

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

AMENDMENT TO RULES REGULATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
TELEPHONE UTILITIES

BASIS, PURPOSE, AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The basis and purpose of this amendment to the rules is to establish a new rule to provide for uniform dialing patterns for all intra-LATA interexchange toll calls (calls which are not included within basic local exchange service). The current supply of available central office codes will be exhausted in the near future. In order to provide for more numbers, the Administrator of the North American Numbering Plan, and the telecommunications industry has agreed to proceed with the implementation of interchangeable area codes, also referred to as interchangeable NPA's or INPA. The interchangeable area codes change "1+" and "0+" from "toll indicators" to "area code indicators". To preserve a "toll indicator" for consumer protection it will be necessary to adopt a 1 + ten digit dialing pattern for all intra-Lata interexchange toll calls.

The amendments to the rules are clear and simple and can be understood by persons expected to comply with them. They do not conflict with any other provision of law and there are no duplicating or overlapping rules.

The statutory authority for this new Rule 21.3 is found at §§40-2-108, 40-4-101, and 40-15-306, C.R.S.

Rule 21 - Network Call Completion Requirements

21.3 INTRA-LATA TOLL DIALING PATTERN

The North American Number Plan (NANP) specifies the format for telephone number in the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and many Caribbean Basin islands. On January 1, 1995, the NANP format changes to permit fully interchangeable codes. Prior to January 1, 1995 all LECs will convert to a single dialing plan which will permit the new NANP format to be used. Use of a prefix is require for all intra-LATA toll calls which originate and terminate in the same NPA. The new dialing plan will replace the existing 1+seven digit dialing plan in use today with the "1+10-digit" dialing plan.