

Decision No. C21-0310

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.

**COMMISSION DECISION MODIFYING
RECOMMENDED DECISION**

Mailed Date: May 21, 2021

Adopted Date: May 19, 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. To address this situation, the Commission stayed the Recommended Decision and asked NANPA to work with the industry to develop an updated implementation timeline. NANPA filed the updated timeline on May 13, 2021, noting that “Adhering to the revised schedule will ensure numbering resources are available to meet the demand of the Industry and their customers.”¹

4. The revised implementation timeline is reproduced below.

EVENT	DATE
Network preparation and customer education begins	September 17, 2021
Network preparation and customer education ends	June 17, 2022
In-Service Date of new NPA (earliest possible Central Office Code Activation)*	June 17, 2022
Earliest date central office codes in the new NPA may be requested through NANPA	April 12, 2022

5. We adopt the revised timeline in order to have new phone numbers available before the 720/303 area reaches exhaustion. In this small way we modify the otherwise well-written Recommended Decision. In all other respects we adopt the Recommended Decision.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Recommended Decision No. R21-0248 issued on April 23, 2021 is modified, consistent with the discussion above.
2. The Commission adopts the modified Recommended Decision.
3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

¹ NANPA Report at p. 2.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
May 19, 2021.**

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Doug Dean,
Director

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