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**COMMON CARRIER BUREAU CLARIFIES THAT
FUTURE FILINGS OF NUMBERING UTILIZATION AND
FORECAST REPORTS MUST INCLUDE NUMBERING
RESOURCES IN THE 500 AND 900 NPAs**

CC Docket 99-200

On March 31, 2000, the Commission released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that, among other things, required carriers to report semiannually on their actual and forecasted number usage.¹ Carriers are required to file reports twice each calendar year on or before February 1 for the six-month period ending December 31 and on or before August 1 for the six-month period ending June 30.²

Carriers that receive central office codes or NXX codes (*i.e.*, code holders) from the North American Numbering Administrator (NANPA), or that receive thousands-blocks (*i.e.*, block holders) from a Pooling Administrator, must report utilization and forecast data for all numbering resources in their inventory or “assigned to them”, including numbering resources in the 500 and 900 area codes or numbering plan areas (NPAs). In previous numbering utilization and forecast reports, carriers have not included information on the 500 and 900 NPAs. Because the NANPA has reported that the 500 and 900 NPAs are nearing exhaust, it is necessary to more closely track the use of 500 and 900 numbering resources and more closely monitor their projected exhaust. Moreover, the *NRO Order* mandated that “all carriers that receive numbering resources from the NANPA (*i.e.*, code holders), or that receive numbering resources from a Pooling Administrator in thousands blocks (*i.e.*, block holders), report forecast and utilization data to the NANPA.”³ Clearly 500 and 900 NPA’s are covered by this mandate.

The Bureau has instructed the NANPA, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 52.15 (g)(3)(4), to withhold numbering resources from carriers that fail to comply with these reporting requirements. Carriers are encouraged to report numbering resources in the 500 and 900 NPAs

¹ *Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 15 FCC Rcd 7574 (2000) (*NRO Order*).

² 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(f)(6).

³ *NRO Order* at para. 40.

separately from those in the geographic NPAs. The NANPA will provide further guidance to

carriers completing utilization and forecast data for 500 and 900 numbering resources on its web site, www.nanpa.com.

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