

APPENDIX NUMBERING

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which TDS TELECOM and CLEC will coordinate with respect to NXX assignments.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely impact in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any North American Numbering Plan (NANP) number resources from the numbering administrator including, but not limited to, central office (NXX) codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, or to establish, by tariff or otherwise, Exchanges and Rating Points corresponding to such NXX codes. Each Party is responsible for administering the NXX codes it is assigned.
- 2.2 At a minimum, in those Metropolitan Exchange Areas where CLEC is properly certified by the appropriate regulatory body and intends to provide local exchange service, CLEC shall obtain a separate NXX code for each TDS TELECOM rate center which is required to ensure compliance with the industry-approved Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (most current version) or other industry approved numbering guidelines and the FCC's Orders pertaining to Local Number Portability (LNP). This will not apply where number pooling is in effect. In areas where thousand block number pooling is in place, CLEC shall obtain a separate thousand block for each rate center. CLEC shall terminate all calls to individual codes to Customers physically located within the codes' respectively assigned rate centers. This will enable CLEC and TDS TELECOM to identify the jurisdictional nature of traffic for intercompany compensation until such time as both Parties have implemented billing and routing capabilities to determine traffic jurisdiction on a basis other than NXX codes.
- 2.3 Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the North American Numbering Council Local Number Portability Architecture and Administrative Plan report, which was adopted by the FCC, Second Report and Order, CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997, portability is technically limited to rate center/rate district boundaries of the incumbent LEC due to rating and routing concerns.

- 2.4 Each Party is responsible to program and update its own switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to the other Party at all times.
- 2.5 Each Party is responsible to input required data into the Routing Data Base Systems (RDBS) and into the Telcordia Rating Administrative Data Systems (BRADS) or other appropriate system(s) necessary to update the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).
- 2.6 Neither Party is responsible for notifying the other Parties' End Users of any changes in dialing arrangements, including those due to NPA exhaust.
- 2.7 NXX Migration
- 2.7.1 Where either Party has activated an entire NXX for a single end user, or activated more than half of an NXX for a single end user with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, and such End-User chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party provided that the requested rate center is the same rate center that physically serves the customer in a non-foreign exchange arrangement. Such transfer will require development of a transition process to minimize impact on the Network and on the end user(s)' service and will be subject to appropriate industry lead times (currently forty-five (45) days) for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. The Party to whom the NXX is migrated will pay NXX migration charges per NXX to the Party formerly assigned the NXX as described in the Appendix PRICING. In a Thousand-block number-pooling environment, where a provider has a large block of numbers and wants to migrate to another provider, the NANC Spid Migration method will be utilized.
- 2.8 Test Numbers
- 2.8.1 Each Party is responsible for providing to the other, valid test numbers. Each Party shall provide a test number terminating to a voice announcement identifying the Company or a number terminating to a milliwatt tone providing answer supervision and allowing simultaneous connection from multiple test lines. Test numbers should remain in service indefinitely for regressive testing purposes.

3. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Every interconnection and service provided hereunder shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection or service.