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## 1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document specifies guidelines for the assignment of Numbering Plan Area (NPA) codes. NPA codes are the first three digits of the 10-digit North American Numbering Plan (NANP) format (the format is made up of 10 digits in the form of NXX-NXX-XXXX<sup>1</sup>, Section 14.0 provides details of the format). NPA codes have traditionally been used to identify distinct exclusive geographic areas, commonly referred to as area codes. NPAs have also been assigned to services provided on a non-geographic basis (e.g., 800 NPA is assigned to a service for which the called party, rather than the calling party, is charged for the call).

- 1.1 These guidelines apply only to the assignment of NPA codes.
- 1.2 These guidelines were developed by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) using the industry consensus process.
- 1.3 These guidelines are expected to apply throughout the area served by the NANP unless the affected regulatory administrations direct otherwise.
- 1.4 These guidelines do not supersede applicable governmental or regulatory principles, procedures and requirements.
- 1.5 The assignment of an entire NPA code to an entity for its exclusive use will not be permitted (excluding those situations referenced in Section 10).

## 2.0 ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

The development of these guidelines includes the following assumptions and constraints:

- 2.1 NANP resources, including those covered in these guidelines, are collectively managed by the North American Telecommunications industry with oversight of the North American federal regulatory authorities. The NANP and the NANP resources are developed in conformance with the International Telecommunication Union Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITU-T) recommendations including E.164 “The international public telecommunication numbering plan.”<sup>2</sup>

The NANP resources are considered a public resource and are not owned by the assignees. Consequently, the resources cannot be sold, brokered, bartered or leased by the assignee for a fee or other consideration.

If a resource is sold, brokered, bartered, or leased for a fee, the resource is subject to reclamation by the Administrator.

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<sup>1</sup> N = digits 2-9 and X = digits 0-9

<sup>2</sup> < <http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-E.164/en> >