

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Petition of the North American
Number Plan Administrator on
behalf of the Pennsylvania
Telecommunications Industry
for Approval of Numbering Plan
Area Relief Planning for the 814
NPA**

**Public Meeting March 17, 2011
2112925- LAW
Docket No. P-2009-2112925**

**STATEMENT OF
VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.**

Our prior Joint Motion reopening the record in this matter indicated that the Commission would continue to monitor the relevant exhaust data for the 814 NPA. To that end, we have been informed that the new projected exhaust date for 814 is the first quarter of 2015, not the first quarter of 2013. The change in projected exhaust date is attributable to several factors, including our numbering conservation efforts, which the Commission mandates in all area code relief cases. The good news is that the number conservation measures implemented in the 814 area code, including 1,000-block pooling, appear to be working.

At the same time, the Commission is under an obligation to provide timely area code relief as needed in the 814 NPA. As we previously cautioned, there was no guarantee that the exhaust-related data to be submitted would show adequate numbering resources in 814 to either suspend or discontinue area code relief. While certainly good news, the 2-year push back of the exhaust date does not eliminate the need to proceed with the process at this time; however, the 2-year push back does allow us to proceed in a more deliberate fashion in collecting and evaluating the evidence. The process established in today's order affords interested parties with a meaningful opportunity to be heard in this matter and allows the Commission to make an informed decision as to the appropriate form and timing of area code relief in the 814 NPA.

Meanwhile, the Commission is scheduled to receive additional exhaust data in October 2011, which could further impact the need for or timing of area code relief in 814. Nevertheless, as with the data that was just received, there is no guarantee that the data to be submitted in October 2011 will obviate the need for area code relief in the 814 NPA. Therefore, we must still be prepared to proceed with a decision in accordance with today's order.

DATE: March 17, 2011

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JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.
VICE CHAIRMAN**