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use only in specific NPA's. The same 555 line number may be assigned to any number of different code holders but may be assigned only once in a given geographic NPA code.

The NANP Administration will assign and administer 555 XXXX line numbers in accordance with the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines.

B. Guidelines and Controls

The 555 XXXX line numbers will be assigned and administered according to the terms and conditions defined in the most current version of 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines (as at 3 April 1997 - INC 94-0429-002). The following specific assignment and administration functions will be performed by the NANP Administrator:

- Ensure that all clients (applicants, code holders, industry members, regulatory authorities, etc.) have access to the most up-to-date version of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines, the application forms, and the assignment records.
- Ensure that the client is familiar with the terms and conditions of the Guidelines, including Purpose, Assumptions, Principles, Criteria, and Responsibilities of Code Holders and Applicants.
- Ensure that if the client is an applicant or code holder, they are willing to adhere to all the terms and conditions of the guidelines.
- Provide assistance to clients in terms of determining the appropriateness of 555 NXX resources for their proposed service and in their understanding and completion of the application process.

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- Consult with the CNA on 555 NXX issues involving Canadian applications or impacts.
- Establish a database to record, track, and monitor 555 line number assignments.
- Process application forms in accordance with Guidelines Section 5.3.
- Establish a computer-based system to track and identify codes that have not been put into service by the date specified on the application form.
- Initiate an inquiry into the status of codes that have not been put into service within the required timeframe, and commence reclamation procedures as appropriate.
- Perform code reclamation procedures as defined in Section 7.0 of the guidelines.
- Request and acquire “Annual Report of 555 Line Number Activation Status” from existing code holders.
- Based on actual assignment rates and forecast data, calculate and provide exhaust projections to the industry (e.g., INC). The following thresholds are defined in the guidelines:
 - National Numbers - 24 months prior to the projected assignment of the 3000th line number.
 - Non-National Numbers - When 3000 line numbers have been assigned in an NPA code.

When 3000 individual line numbers are projected to exhaust within 24 months in either category:

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- Carry out Reclassification Procedures as defined in Guidelines Section 5.4
- Provide written notification to code holders regarding the impact of geographic NPA relief activity - Guidelines Section 5.6.
- Participate in the development and implementation of 555 exhaust relief plans (e.g., timing, notification, etc.).
- Conduct periodic audits of code holder records as prescribed in Section 6.6 of the Guidelines.
- Abide by industry agreed code conservation practices in order to ensure the most effective use of the resource and therefore maximize its life expectancy.
- Apprise INC (i.e., submit Issue Statement) when the Guidelines require modification.
- Participate in appeal process in accordance with the terms specified in Section 10.0 of the Guidelines.

C. External Liaison

The following specific circumstances requiring external liaison by NANPA have been identified. It is recognized, that although NANPA has a level of decision making authority, as defined in Industry Guidelines, there may be many circumstances which will require NANPA to seek direction from the industry (e.g., INC) or a national regulatory authority. NANPA will involve the INC in the event of the following:

- Identification of a requirement to modify INC documentation (i.e., INC 95-0407-009).

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- Receipt of an application or a question which is not adequately covered in the Guidelines.
- Routine notification of resource status.
- Immediate identification of a pending resource exhaust.
- An unresolved dispute and the resulting use of the specified Appeals Process (Guidelines Section 10.0).
- An unsuccessful attempt to reclaim a resource from a code holder per Guidelines Section 7.0.

NANP Administration will seek direction from the appropriate federal regulatory authority(s) on issues involving policy or regulatory interpretation. NANPA will consult with the numbering authority in each NANP area country (e.g., CNA) whenever a 555 NXX application or issue impacting that country is identified.

D. Organization and Staffing

The administration of this resource will be carried out by the NANP Administration 30 days following Mitretek's selection as the new NANP Administration.

E. Systems/Interfaces

The NANP Administration will establish a single centralized NANP Resource Database. All NANP resource records, including 555 XXXX Line Number data, will be stored and

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managed in this system in a consistent and secure manner. The system will feature state-of-the-art security protection and redundancies. Access to the system, including dial-up, will include establishing a range of user privileges which will be controlled by a sophisticated "pass card" based entry system. The NANP Resource Database will be capable of interfacing directly with the NANPA Web Site. This will ensure that the Web Site contains the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. NANP Administration personnel will be provided with a standard NANP Administration workstation to access and manage the NANP resource(s). Administrators will be able to access (read only) all NANP resource data from each workstation. However, manipulation/management of data will be restricted to designated individuals by resource type.

Complete details on the NANP Administration data management system are provided in Section 9.2 of this proposal.

The following information and reporting mechanisms will be established:

- A NANPA Web Site will be created and maintained. It will contain the following 555 XXXX line number related information:
 - A listing of assigned 555 line numbers, including the carrier/service provider to which each line number is assigned and an indication of whether the assignment is National or

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Non-National. For Non-National assignments, the geographic NPA's in which the 555 line numbers are assigned will be designated.

- The current version of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines (INC 94-0429-002).
- Information relative to the 555 line numbers assignment rates, exhaust projects, trigger points, and relief or conservation activity. Note: All information available from the NANPA Web Site will also be available in paper form.
- Periodic reports of the status (life expectancy) of the 555 line number resource will be provided to the appropriate industry committees (e.g., INC). As the assignment threshold levels defined in the Guidelines are reached, the industry will be notified accordingly.

Notification of the pending exhaust conservation, industry approved relief plans will be sent directly to the NANPA Mailing List via NANPA Information Letters.

F. Other Considerations/Impacts

The current version of the 555 NXX Assignment Guidelines (INC 94-0429-002) prescribe a number of potentially very onerous tasks on the NANP Administration. These are specifically:

- The collection, assimilation, and management/administrative activity resulting from the "Annual Report of 555 Line Number Activation Status" - Reference - Guidelines Appendix BE.

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- The reclassification process - as defined in Guidelines Section 5.4.
- The monitoring and notification process involving geographic NPA relief activity - as defined in Guidelines Section 5.6.
- The reclamation process - as defined in Guidelines Section 7.2.
- The complicated monitoring and notification process - as defined in Guidelines Section 3.2.
- The research required to carry out the “qualify for retention of national number” process - as defined in Guidelines Section 4.8. It is noted that the 555 line number assignment levels are approaching 2500, which is close to the trigger point (i.e., 3000) for activity, as defined in Guidelines Section 3.2. It is also noted that the INC’s moratorium of 555 line number reclamation activity expires in July 1997. All of the foregoing has the potential to significantly impact the resources required to administer the 555 resources. ■

4.2.9 Carrier Identification Codes (CICs)

A. Description of Resource

CICs are four digit numbers used to uniquely identify an entity (access customer) who has purchased access service (e.g., Feature Group B, Feature Group D, Canadian equivalent to FGB or FGD, etc.). The codes are primarily used for the routing of calls from the local exchange (access) network to the access purchasers network. The information is also used to support billing arrangements between the access purchaser and provider. There

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are exceptions to the above uses of the CIC resource described in the industry Assignment Guidelines. The NANP Administration will assign and administer CICs according to the INC Assignment Guidelines. It is noted that the federal regulatory authority in both Canada and the USA have imposed additional constraints on the CIC resource.

B. Guidelines and Controls

The CICs will be assigned and administered according to the terms and conditions defined in the most current version of the Carrier Identification Code Assignment Guidelines (as at 3 April 1997 - INC 95-0127-006). In addition, the FCC has provided directives (reference: letters Wallman to Connors 26 September 1995 and 23 October 1995) regarding CIC assignments, which overrule the above Guidelines. In Canada, the Canadian Steering Committee of Numbering (CSCN) has developed supplementary Guidelines which recognize the unique network and regulatory situation in Canada. NANPA must take into account the above when dealing with the CIC resource. The following specific assignment and administration functions will be performed by the Mitretek NANP Administration:

- Ensure that all clients (entities, access purchasers, access providers, industry members, regulatory authorities, etc.) have access to the most up-to-date version of the Carrier Identification Code Assignment Guidelines, the application forms, and the assignment records.

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- Ensure that the client is familiar with the terms and conditions of the Guidelines, including Purpose, Assumptions, Principles, Criteria, and the Obligations of Access Purchasers.
- Ensure that if the client is a potential access purchaser, they are willing to adhere to all the terms and conditions of the Guidelines.
- Provide assistance to clients in terms of determining the appropriateness of CIC resources for their proposed service and in their understanding and completion of the application process.
- Consult with the CNA on CIC issues involving Canadian applications or impacts.
- Establish a database to record, track, and monitor CIC assignments.
- Process application forms in accordance with the terms of the Guidelines.
- Notify INC of all “special use” code assignments.
- Prepare and issue a monthly report on CIC assignments and denials to the FCC.
- Establish a computer-based system to track and identify codes that have not been put into service by the date specified on the application form.
- Initiate an inquiry into the status of codes that have not been put into service within “a reasonable timeframe,” and commence reclamation procedures as appropriate.
- Perform code reclamation procedures as defined in Section 6.0 of the Guidelines.
- Based on actual assignment rates and forecast data, calculate and provide exhaust projections to the industry (e.g., INC) on a semi annual basis.

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- Notify the industry 2 1/2 years prior to the need to begin assignment of a new 1000Es block of FGB CICs.
- Participate in the development and implementation of CIC (FGB or FGD) exhaust relief plans (e.g., timing, notification, etc.).
- Abide by industry agreed code conservation practices in order to ensure the most effective use of the resource and therefore maximize its life expectancy.
- Apprise INC (i.e., submit Issue Statement) when the Guidelines require modification.

C. External Liaison

The following specific circumstances requiring external liaison by NANPA have been identified. It is recognized, that although NANPA has a level of decision making authority, as defined in Industry Guidelines, there may be many circumstances which will require NANPA to seek direction from the industry (e.g., INC) or a national regulatory authority. NANPA will involve the INC in the event of the following:

- Identification of a requirement to modify INC documentation (i.e., INC-95-0 127-006).
- Receipt of an application or a question which is not adequately covered in the Guidelines.
- Routine notification of resource status.
- Immediate identification of a pending resource exhaust.

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- An unresolved dispute.
- An unsuccessful attempt to reclaim a resource from a code holder per Guidelines Section 6.0.

NANPA will seek direction from the appropriate federal regulatory authority(s) on issues involving policy or regulatory interpretation.

NANPA will consult with the numbering authority in each NANP area country (e.g., CNA) whenever a CIC application or issue impacting that country is identified.

D. Organization and Staffing

The administration of this resource will be carried out by the Mitretek NANP Administration 60 days following Mitretek's selection as the new NANP Administration.

E. Systems/Interfaces

The NANP Administration will establish a single centralized NANP Resource Database. All NANP resource records, including CIC resource data, will be stored and managed in this system in a consistent and secure manner. The system will feature state-of-the-art security protection and redundancies. Access to the system, including dial-up, will include establishing a range of user privileges which will be controlled by a sophisticated "pass card" based entry system.

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The NANP Resource Database will be capable of interfacing directly with the NANPA Web Site. This will ensure that the Web Site contains the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. NANP Administration personnel will be provided with a standard NANP Administration workstation to access and manage the NANP resource(s). Administrators will be able to access (read only) all NANP resource data from each workstation. However, manipulation/management of data will be restricted to designated individuals by resource type. Complete details on the NANP Administration data management system are provided in Section 9.2 of this proposal.

The following information and reporting mechanisms will be established:

- A NANPA Web Site will be created and maintained. It will contain the following CIC related information:
 - A listing of assigned CIC codes, with identification of the entity to which the CIC is assigned.
 - The current version of the Carrier Identification Code Assignment Guidelines (INC 95-0127-006).
 - Information relevant to CIC (FGB or FGD) code exhaust or relief activities.
 - Also available will be:
 - Reclamation letters.
 - Monthly FCC report of CIC assignments and denials.

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- Monthly industry forum CIC assignment status reports.
- FCC access/usage report (semi annual). NOTE: All information available from the NANPA Web Site will also be available from NANPA in paper form.
- Reports of the status (life expectancy) of CIC resources will be provided to industry committees (e.g., INC) as specified in the Guidelines.
- Notification of pending exhaust and details of industry developed exhaust relief plans will be sent directly to the NANPA Mailing List via NANPA Information Letters.

F. Other Considerations/Impacts

It is evident from the information provided by the existing NANP Administration that CIC administration, and in particular determining an entity's right to acquire CIC resources, is a contentious and time consuming activity. It is also evident that this resource introduces business and legal complications which are not common to other NANP resource types. Significant work volume projections (20 code requests per month, 40 telephone inquiries per day) plus onerous code reclamation requirements also factor into the following workload estimate. ■

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4.2.10 Vertical Service Codes

A. Description of Resource

VSCs are codes dialed by users to access, activate or deactivate features and services.

VSCs are assigned to features or services to maximize consistent accessibility across the PSTN. VSCs are currently restricted to the format *XX (11XX rotary dial) and *2XX (112XX rotary dial). Assignments are made to satisfy inter-network and multi-network applications. The use of a VSC for intra-network purposes in a single network does not require a standard VSC assignment. NANPA will assign and administer VSCs according to the INC Assignment Guidelines.

B. Guidelines and Controls

The VSCs will be assigned and administered according to the terms and conditions defined in the most current version of Vertical Service Code Assignment Guidelines (as at 3 April 1997 - INC 96-0802-015).

The following specific assignment and administration functions will be performed by the Mitretek NANP Administration:

- Ensure that all clients (applicants, code holders, industry members, regulatory authorities, etc.) have access to the most up-to-date version of the Vertical Service Code Assignment Guidelines, the application forms, and the assignment records.

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- Ensure that the client is familiar with the terms and conditions of the Guidelines, including Purpose, Assumptions, Principles, Criteria, and Responsibilities of Code Holders and Applicants.
- Ensure that if the client is an applicant or code holder, they are willing to adhere to all the terms and conditions of the Guidelines.
- Provide assistance to clients in terms of determining the appropriateness of VSC resources for their proposed service and in their understanding and completion of the application process.
- Consult with the CNA on VSC issues involving Canadian applications or impacts.
- Establish a database to record, track, and monitor VSC assignments.
- Process applications in accordance with Guidelines Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4.
- Based on actual assignment rates and forecast data, calculate and provide exhaust projections to the industry (e.g., INC).
- Participate in the development and implementation of VSC exhaust relief plans (e.g., timing, notification, etc.).
- Abide by industry agreed code conservation practices in order to ensure the most effective use of the resource and therefore maximize its life expectancy.
- Apprise INC (i.e., submit Issue Statement) when the Guidelines require modification.
- Participate in appeal process in accordance with the terms specified in Section 7.0 of the Guidelines.

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- Provide an up-to-date listing of the standardized multi-network and internetwork VSC assignments to Bellcore TRA for quarterly publication in the LERG.

C. External Liaison

The following specific circumstances requiring external liaison by NANPA have been identified. It is recognized, that although NANPA has a level of decision making authority, as defined in Industry Guidelines, there may be many circumstances which will require NANPA to seek direction from the industry (e.g., INC) or a national regulatory authority. NANPA will involve the INC in the event of the following:

- Identification of a requirement to modify INC documentation (i.e., INC 96-0802-015).
 - Receipt of an application or a question which is not adequately covered in the Guidelines.
 - Routine notification of resource status.
 - Immediate identification of a pending resource exhaust.
 - An unresolved dispute and the resulting use of the specified Appeals Process (Guidelines Section 7.0). NANPA will seek direction from the appropriate federal regulatory authority(s) on issues involving policy or regulatory interpretation.
- NANPA will consult with the numbering authority in each NANP area country (e.g., CNA) whenever a VSC application or issue impacting that country is identified.

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NANPA will exchange information with Bellcore TRA regarding the quarterly publication of VSC assignments in the LERG.

D. Organization and Staffing

The administration of this resource will be carried out by the Mitretek NANP Administration 30 days following Mitretek's selection as the new NANP Administration.

E. Systems/Interfaces

The NANP Administration will establish a single centralized NANP Resource Database. All NANP resource records, including VSC data, will be stored and managed in this system in a consistent and secure manner. The system will feature state-of-the-art security protection and redundancies. Access to the system, including dial-up, will include establishing a range of user privileges which will be controlled by a sophisticated "pass card" based entry system. The NANP Resource Database will be capable of interfacing directly with the NANPA Web Site. This will ensure that the Web Site contains the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. NANP Administration personnel will be provided with a standard NANP Administration workstation to access and manage the NANP resource(s). Administrators will be able to access (read only) all NANP resource data from each workstation, however, manipulation/management of data will be restricted to designated individuals by resource type. Complete details on the NANP Administration data management system are provided in Section 9.2 of this proposal.

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The following information and reporting mechanisms will be established:

- A NANPA Web Site will be created and maintained. It will contain the following VSC related information:
 - A listing of assigned VSC, with identification of the service/feature to which the code is assigned, and whether it is classified as an inter-network or multi-network assignment.
 - The current version of the Vertical Service Code Assignment Guidelines (INC 96-0802-015).
 - Information relevant to VSC code exhaust or relief activities. NOTE: All information available from the NANPA Web Site will also be available from NANPA in paper form.
- Periodic reports of the status (life expectancy) of VSC resources will be provided to industry committees (e.g., INC).
- Notification of pending exhaust and details of industry developed exhaust relief plans will be sent directly to the NANPA Mailing List via NANPA Information Letters.
- VSC assignment details (assignment service/feature, type, etc.) will be published in the LERG.

F. Other Considerations/Impacts

None. ■

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4.2.11 Automated Number Identification Information Integer (ANI II) Digits

A. Description of Resource

ANI II digits are two digit codes generated at the originating switching entity to identify special characteristics of the calling line or terminal. For example, public telephones with no coin collection capabilities are uniquely identified. The ANI II information is passed through the network (in the signaling information) to assist in subsequent stages of call processing. In the example above, an operator processing a call originating from a public telephone, identified through the ANI II indicator as not having coin collection capabilities, would know that coin payment is not possible. ANI II digits are network generated and not dialed by users. The NANP Administration will assign and administer ANI II resources.

B. Guidelines and Controls

There are currently no Industry Guidelines to govern the assignment and administration of ANI II digits. Requirements for these resources are typically generated by network operators. In all cases, requests for ANI II digit assignments are taken to the INC in the form of an Issue Statement. The INC Issue Statement is normally originated by the organization seeking the assignment however, there may be circumstances when NANPA would sponsor the request. NANPA will make assignments and administer the ANI II digit according to INC's directions. As always, any related regulatory intervention must

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be adhered to. The following specific assignment functions will be performed by the NANP Administration:

- Provide assistance to clients in terms of determining the appropriateness of ANI II resources for their proposed service and in their understanding of the INC application process.
- Consult with the CNA on ANI II issues involving Canadian applications or impacts.
- Establish a database to record, track, and monitor ANI II code assignments.
- Based on actual assignment rates and forecast data, calculate and provide exhaust projections to the industry (e.g., INC).
- Participate in the development and implementation of ANI II exhaust relief plans (e.g., timing, notification, etc.).
- Abide by industry agreed code conservation practices in order to ensure the most effective use of the resource and therefore maximize its life expectancy.
- Participate in appeal process as appropriate.
- Provide information regarding ANI II digit assignment(s) to Bellcore TRA for publication in the LERG.

C. External Liaison

The following specific circumstances requiring external liaison by NANPA have been identified. NANPA will involve the INC in the event of the following:

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- Receipt of an application or a question regarding the assignment of ANI II digit(s).
- Routine notification of resource status.
- Immediate identification of a pending resource exhaust. NANPA will consult with the numbering authority in each NANP area country (e.g., CNA) whenever an ANI II application or issue impacting that country is identified. NANPA will exchange information with Bellcore TRA regarding the publication of ANI II digit assignments in the LERG.

D. Organization and Staffing

The administration of this resource will be carried out by the NANP Administrator 30 days following Mitretek's selection as the new NANP Administration.

E. Systems/Interfaces

The NANP Administration will establish a single centralized NANP Resource Database. All NANP resource records, including ANI II digit information, will be stored and managed in this system in a consistent and secure manner. The system will feature state-of-the-art security protection and redundancies. Access to the system, including dial-up, will include establishing a range of user privileges which will be controlled by a sophisticated "pass card" based entry system. The NANP Resource Database will be capable of interfacing directly with the NANPA Web Site. This will ensure that the Web Site contains the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. NANP

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Administration personnel will be provided with a standard NANP Administration workstation to access and manage the NANP resource(s). Administrators will be able to access (read only) all NANP resource data from each workstation. However, manipulation/management of data will be restricted to designated individuals by resource type.

Complete details on the NANP Administration data management system are provided in Section 9.2 of this proposal.

The following information and reporting mechanisms will be established.

- A NANPA Web Site will be created and maintained. It will contain the following ANI II digit related information:
 - A listing of assigned ANI II digits, with explanation of the application to which the ANI II digit is assigned.
 - Information relevant to ANI II code exhaust or relief activities. NOTE: All information available from the NANPA Web Site will also be available from NANPA in paper form.
- Periodic reports of the status (life expectancy) of ANI II digit resources will be provided to industry committees (e.g., INC).
- Notification of pending exhaust and details of industry developed exhaust relief plans will be sent directly to the NANPA Mailing List via NANPA Information Letters.

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- ANI II digit assignment details will be published in LERG.

F. Other Considerations/Impacts

None. ■

4.2.12 Non-Dialable Toll Points (NPA's 866 & 889) NXX Codes

A. Description of Resource

Non-Dialable Toll Points are individual stations (or a small group of stations) which are located in extremely remote or inaccessible areas where standard wireline telephone serving arrangements are not available. Central office codes (NXX's) are assigned to Non-Dialable Toll Points to support network routing and call rating. Prior to 1996, the central office code assignments for this application were spread across seven NPA's in the 88X decade. In 1996 (INC # 24), it was determined to amalgamate all existing central office code assignments into NPA's 886 and 889, and thus release the balance of the NPA's for general assignment.

B. Guidelines and Controls

The Requirements Document indicates that the current NANPA is not currently involved in the administration of this resource. However, as the resource is included in the Requirements Document, the following assignment and administration procedures are proposed:

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- Establish a centralized administration process to manage the central office codes allocated to the Non-Dialable Toll Point application.
- Assist in achieving complete migration to NPA's 886 and 889.
- Revise the status of "recovered" NPA codes as appropriate.
- Assign and administer the resources(s).
- Assist in the search for, and the establishment of, a technical alternative for serving the customers involved (reference: related NIIF/NIA activity).
- Update the Non-Dialable Toll Point information which is published in the LERG.
- Apprise the CNA of relevant activity - many of these resources are assigned to Canadian locations.

C. External Liaison

The following specific circumstances requiring external liaison by NANPA have been identified. NANPA will involve the INC in the event of the following:

- Receipt of an application or a question which can not be adequately responded to.
- Routine notification of resource status.
- Immediate identification of a pending resource exhaust.
- Provide notification of any replacement alternative which impact this resource.

NANPA will seek direction from the appropriate federal regulatory authority(s) on issues involving policy or regulatory interpretation. NANPA will consult with the

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numbering authority in each NANP area country (e.g, CNA) whenever a Non-Dialable Toll Point central office code application or issue impacting that country is identified. NANPA will exchange information with Bellcore TRA regarding the publication of Non-Dialable Toll Point central office code assignments in the LERG.

D. Organization and Staffing

The administration of this resource will be carried out by the Mitretek NANP Administration 30 days following Mitretek's selection as the new NANP Administration.

E. Systems/Interfaces

The NANP Administration will establish a single centralized NANP Resource Database. All NANP resource records, including Non-Dialable Toll Points CO Code data, will be stored and managed in this system in a consistent and secure manner. The system will feature state-of-the-art security protection and redundancies. Access to the system, including dial-up, will include establishing a range of user privileges which will be controlled by a sophisticated "pass card" based entry system. The NANP Resource Database will be capable of interfacing directly with the NANPA Web Site. This will ensure that the Web Site contains the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. NANP Administration personnel will be provided with a standard NANP Administration workstation to access and manage the NANP resource(s). Administrators will be able to access (read only) all NANP resource data from each workstation. However,