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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: **NSD File No. L-98-03, CC Docket No. 96-98**

In an effort to accelerate number pooling in the New York City borough of Manhattan, BA-NY will assign to the interim pooling administrator up to 45 vacant 1000 number blocks in the 212 area code. These number blocks will be made available for assignment by the interim pooling administrator no later than July 1, 1998. July 1 is the current anticipated date for implementation of the interim 212 area code number pool. This action is intended to create a number pool that would be joined and added to by all other local carriers operating in the 212 numbering plan area.

BA-NY limits its participation in the interim 212 area code pool to this initial allocation of numbers. However, BA-NY intends to fully participate in the number pooling process when remaining issues are resolved and development work is complete. BA-NY expects this to occur by April 1, 1999, subject to a number of factors, many of which are beyond BA-NY's control. The combination of BA-NY's assignment of up to 45 vacant 1000 number blocks, the remaining unassigned NXX codes in the 212 area code, and whatever numbers other local carriers operating in the 212 area assign to the interim pool, will extend the time that all carriers, including new entrants, will have access to number resources in the 212 area code.

BA-NY urges you to give careful consideration to its commitment to begin number pooling in the 212 number plan area when the Commission acts on the waiver request filed by the New York Department of Public Service. BA-NY supports that request.

Please include this correspondence in the public record of the above captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,

Marie Breslin

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