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Dear Customer:

Re: Texas – Overlay Relief Plan 903 Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

On December 17, 2001, the Texas Public Utilities Commission ordered NPA overlay relief for the 903 NPA. The North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has assigned the new 430 NPA to overlay the existing 903 NPA. With an overlay, the new NPA will serve the same geographic areas as the existing NPAs.

This relief plan will result in a change in the dialing plan for the affected NPA area. In the new dialing plan, all local calls within and between the NPAs must be dialed using 10 digits and all toll calls must be dialed using 1+10 digits. The Permissive Dialing Period for 10-digit dialing will begin on July 20, 2002 at 12:01 AM. The Permissive Dialing Period is that period during which all local calls within an NPA may be dialed with 7 or 10 digits. At the end of the Permissive Dialing Period and beginning of Mandatory Dialing on February 15, 2003, callers must dial local calls with 10 digits.

Below is a summary of the dialing plan once Mandatory Dialing begins:

DIALING FROM AREA CODES	FOR LOCAL CALLS	FOR TOLL CALLS
903 or 430	10 digits (NPA+NXX+XXXX)	1+10 digits (1+NPA+NXX+XXXX)
ALL OPERATOR-ASSISTED CALLS		DIALING DIGITS REQUIRED
<i>Including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Collect Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Third Party Calls 		0+10-digits (0+ NPA+NXX+XXXX)
DIALING FROM 903 AND 430		DIALING DIGITS REQUIRED
Emergency 911		911
Directory Assistance		411
FG B 950+XXXX Numbers		950+XXXX

Mandatory Dialing will begin at 12:01 AM EST on February 15, 2003. All calls will need to be dialed according to the new dialing plan.

The earliest code activation date for new central office codes assigned in the new NPAs is April 28, 2003. Activation of the new NPAs will not result in any changes in Verizon rates or local calling areas. In addition, existing 903 NPA telephone numbers will not change.

By November 15, 2002, Verizon will require that all telecommunications service providers complete a conversion of their networks to send the 10 digits of the called-to party for all calls terminating in all Verizon end offices and access tandems in the existing 903 NPA area. All 430 NPA calls interconnecting to the Verizon Public Network must be routed with 10-digit trunk translations when they are activated. Notification will appear in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

All domestic and international carriers are asked to ensure that the 430 NPA has been activated throughout their networks by July 20, 2002. A test number for the new NPA has been provided for Telecommunications Service Providers to verify routing to the new NPA from March 1, 2001 through May 1, 2003. The test number is 430 301-3333.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER	
July 20, 2002 12:01 AM	Permissive Dialing Begins. All local calls within an area code can be dialed using 7 or 10 digits. Calls will continue to be dialed using 1+10 digits to reach areas outside local calling areas.
February 15, 2003	Telecommunication Providers must transmit 10-digits to all end-offices and access tandems.
March 1, 2002 through May 1, 2003	Test Number available: 430 301-3333
February 15, 2003 12:01 AM	Mandatory Dialing Begins: All calls must be dialed according to the new dialing plan.
April 28, 2003	NXX code activation begins.

Customer education plans will be launched providing information related to the Texas Overlay NPA Relief Plan. Consumer information regarding this NPA Relief Plan and others throughout the Verizon Region is available on our WebPages at:

http://www.vzmultimedia.com/customersupport/areacodes/recent_changes.html

Both the LERG and the NPA NXX Activity Guide will be updated to reflect any changes. The North American Numbering Plan WebPages at <http://www.nanpa.com/>, maintained by NeuStar, Inc., also contain updated industry related information.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Verizon Account Manager

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