

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1325 G STREET N.W., SUITE 800
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 23, 2020

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1165, IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF RELIEF FOR THE 202 AREA CODE,**

1. Through this Public Notice, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) opens this proceeding to review the Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) on Behalf of the District of Columbia Telecommunications Industry (“Petition”) for relief for the 202 numbering plan area (“NPA” or “area code”).¹ Comments on the Petition are due within (thirty) 30 days of the publication of this Public Notice in the *D.C. Register*, which will be August 3, 2020. Reply comments on the Petition are due within (sixty) 60 days of the publication of this Public Notice in the *D.C. Register*, which will be August 31, 2020. The Commission will also hold a virtual community hearing for members of the community to discuss the Petition.

2. In the Petition, NANPA, on behalf of the District of Columbia telecommunications industry, requests the Commission to approve a new area code with an all-services overlay throughout the entire District of Columbia as relief for number exhaust in the 202 NPA. Absent this relief, NANPA represents that the supply of telephone numbers in the 202 area code is projected to run out during the Third Quarter of 2022. In order to ensure that the District of Columbia has enough telephone numbers for customers, NANPA requests that the Commission approve the Petition no later than the Fourth Quarter of 2020 and approve a 13-month implementation schedule for the new area code. NANPA asserts that by adhering to this schedule, the new NPA will be implemented six months prior to the exhaust of the 202 area code as required by industry guidelines.² NANPA asserts that a new area code with an all-services overlay is the only form of relief that will meet industry guidelines in the District of Columbia.³

3. NANPA explains that the proposed all-services overlay for the 202 area code would superimpose a new area code over the entire geographic area of the 202 area code. NANPA represents that all existing customers with a 202 area code would retain the 202 area code and would not have to change telephone numbers. All calls within the 202 area code and between the new area code and the 202 area code would be dialed using (ten) 10 digits.⁴ NANPA proposes a

¹ *Formal Case No. 1165, In the Matter of the Petition for Implementation of Relief for the 202 Area Code*, Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator on Behalf of the District of Columbia Telecommunications Industry, filed June 16, 2020 (“Petition”).

² Petition at 1.

³ Petition at 2.

⁴ Petition at 3.

13-month implementation schedule for implementation of the new area code, divided into (three) 3 stages. The first stage includes six months of network preparation. The second stage is (six) 6 months of a customer education period in which customers would be permitted to use both (seven) 7-digit and (ten) 10-digit dialing within the 202 area code (“permissive dialing period”). The third stage is for one month after the end of the permissive dialing period (when (ten) 10-digit dialing becomes mandatory in the 202 area code) before numbers can be assigned in the new area code.⁵ The Commission is requested to approve the Petition and the implementation schedule in order to facilitate the transition to having a second area code in the District of Columbia.⁶

4. Any person interested in responding to the Petition may file comments within (thirty) 30 days and reply comments within (sixty) 60 days of the publication of this Public Notice in the *D.C. Register*. These dates will be August 3, 2020 and August 31, 2020. Comments and reply comments are to be addressed to Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005 and submitted electronically on the Commission’s website at https://edocket.dcpssc.org/public/public_comments. Copies of the Petition may be obtained by visiting the Commission’s website at www.dcpssc.org. Once at the website, open the “eDocket System” tab, click on “Search Current Dockets” and input “FC 1165” as the case number and “1” as the item number.

⁵ Petition at 4.

⁶ State public service commissions have the authority to review and approve NPA relief plans. *See*, 47 C.F.R. § 52.19 (2020).