

## Texas 210 NPA – Pooling Implementation Meeting Minutes July 26, 2001

Attendees:

Bruce Armstrong	NeuStar
Gary Zahn*	NeuStar
Jennifer Fagan	Texas PUC Staff
Lee Holt	Texas PUC Staff
Mike Brantley	Arch Wireless, Inc
Duane McRanie	Arch Wireless, Inc.
Carol Waller	Taylor Communications Group, Inc
Kristene Stark	Grande Communications
Darlene Hill	Grande Communications
Rosemary McMahill	TSTCI
Mark Lancaster	AT&T
Deborah Bell	SBC
Al Banzer	Verizon
Jesse T. Garcia, Jr.	SBC
LouAnn Parish	SBC
Barbara Taute	SBC
Mary Badertscher	SBC
Andrew M. Jones	SBC
Denise Thomas*	WorldCom
Vershon Ensley*	XO Communications
Shirley Paswaters*	Level 3
Jeff Mondon*	SBC - PacBell
Kelly Norquist*	Adelphia Business Solutions
Jean Yoon*	Allegiance Telecom
Court Reporter	

\* Attendance via conference bridge

- The meeting was opened at approximately 9:30 a.m. (CDT) by Jennifer Fagan (for purposes of the court reporter to introduce formally the purpose of the meeting. Jennifer turned the meeting over to Bruce Armstrong of NeuStar. Then the meeting continued with introductions (a sign-in sheet was distributed) and roll call of all conference call attendees. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a timeline for implementation of number pooling in the 210 NPA. A brief agenda was discussed.
- A copy of the handouts was distributed to all attendees. Conference call attendees were advised that copies of the presentation and all pre-meeting materials were available on the NeuStar web site (<http://www.numberpool.org>).
- A brief review of the important dates regarding pooling in Texas were presented:
  - July 5, 1999 – Texas PUC files for Delegated Authority with FCC
  - November 30, 1999 - FCC grants Texas PUC Delegated Authority
  - March 29, 2000 – Texas PUC Number Conservation Order (512 NPA Order)
  - August 1, 2000 – Pool Start in 512 NPA

- June 4, 2001 – Texas PUC issues 210 NPA Pooling Order
- June 4, 2001 - Texas PUC issues Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth Pooling Order
- October 1, 2001 – 210 NPA Mandated Implementation Date
- November 1, 2001 – Houston NPAs Mandated Implementation Date
- December 1, 2001 – Dallas NPAs Mandated Implementation Date
- January 1, 2002 – Fort Worth NPAs Mandated Implementation Date
- Since not all industry participants had previously been through the pooling process in prior implementation meetings, a short discussion ensued describing the process, forms, forecasts, donations, rate centers, LNP-capable code holders. There was a further discussion of access to NeuStar’s pooling web site. NeuStar offered to work one-on-one with any pooling participant who required any further assistance.
- There was a short discussion and description of the timeline milestones.
- Copies of all information: List of LNP-capable code holders, sample forecasting and donation forms were either distributed to all parties or made available on the NeuStar web site (<http://www.numberpool.org>). Since there is only one rate center in the 210 NPA, a list of pooling capable rate centers was unnecessary. All lists of carriers and the single rate center were acceptable to the group. The Texas PUC noted that maybe some carriers were not listed as LNP-capable in the LERG but that they would check further on this issue. In the discussion on the forecast forms, Gary Zahn of NeuStar informed the group that the forecast forms were now available both in downloadable Excel format or using direct access and input on our web site.
- The next item of discussion was the timeline itself. Several things were noted:
  - Because of the number of days (only 67) from the first implementation meeting (07/26/01) to the Mandated Implementation date (10/01/01), the recommendation in the INC guidelines that there be at least 66 calendar days between the PA Assessment date and the Block Donation date could not logically happen.
  - Second, it was noted that the INC Guidelines recommend no less than 5 business days between the Block Donation date and the Pool Start date.
  - It was also agreed that the Pool Start date and the Mandated Implementation date be the same. There was a short discussion around this item. A question whether the INC guidelines specified that there be a specified period between these two dates was answered in the negative.
  - There was a discussion regarding the 66 day recommended time interval between the PA Assessment and the Block Donation date. Those guidelines are for the specific purpose of allowing the PA to request and open a CO code to meet thousands block demand at Pool Start. If there are sufficient resources donated to the pool to meet the aggregate industry demand at the Block Donation date, the 66 day time interval is not necessary. However, if the demand exceeds the donations, a CO code would need to be opened and potentially carriers might have to wait for thousands block resources for a period of time. It was suggested that since this NPA involves only one large rate center (San Antonio) and the current status of life of the 210 NPA, it is highly unlikely that demand would exceed the donations. NeuStar provided data that there have been over 500 donated blocks in the 512 NPA and also that we predict in the neighborhood of 360 blocks (from the NeuStar PAT<sup>sm</sup> model) donated in the 210 NPA. Therefore, the risk of having to open a CO code at pool start is very small, based on historical demand. NeuStar

- A suggested set of dates was presented by AT&T. After discussion and slight modifications, a timeline was agreed upon by the group.
- The following timeline was adopted:

#	MILESTONES	210 NPA
1	<b>Regulatory Mandate</b>	<b>06/04/01</b>
2	<b>First Implementation Meeting</b>	<b>07/26/01</b>
3	<b>Forecast Report Date (based on Mandated Implementation Date )</b>	<b>08/14/01</b>
4	<b>Block Protection Date</b>	<b>08/14/01</b>
5	<b>Block Donation Identification Date to Pool Administrator (based on Pool Start/Allocation date)</b> - NXX's must be portable in LERG and NPAC - Begin Intra-Service Provider Porting	<b>08/14/01</b>
6	<b>PA Assessment of Industry Inventory Surplus/Deficiency</b> - Posted on PA website	<b>08/28/01</b>
7	<b>Block Donation Date</b> - Confirmation letter by SPs to PA - End Intra- Service Provider Porting <b>Note: 5 business days later – LERG update completed by Telcordia with blocks SP's are retaining</b>	<b>09/24/01</b>
8	<b>Pool Start/Allocation Date</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day to Request Thousands-Blocks</b>	<b>10/01/01</b>
9	<b>Mandated Implementation Date</b>	<b>10/01/01</b>

- AT&T raised an issue regarding Extended Area Service (EAS) in Texas. In Texas (and some other states), specific NXXs are set aside for optional EAS subscribers. If all NXXs are donated homogeneously into each rate area pool, a carrier could receive blocks from either the EAS or the non-EAS NXXs. This might cause a problem unless a specific remedy is determined. It was also noted that this issue has been discussed between NeuStar and AT&T in the past and it does not apply to the 210 NPA. However, it will be an issue in the upcoming Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth NPAs. SBC volunteered to take this issue to the INC.
- SBC requested an additional explanation of obtaining reports (such as Pooling Tracking reports) from the NeuStar number pooling web site. NeuStar informed the group that those tracking reports under our state pooling system are updated at least weekly (Friday afternoons).

- NeuStar supplied information from its PAT<sup>sm</sup> model that indicates that pooling will extend the life of the 210 NPA for a time period of more than 17 years beyond the current exhaust date predicted by NANPA.
- There were some questions regarding the national pooling implementation rollout schedule. NeuStar shared that it is required to file a proposed national rollout schedule with the FCC for the first quarter of the rollout on or before August 14, 2001. This rollout schedule will be then be distributed to the states for discussion and final approval by the FCC.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 a.m.