

**Texas 832/281/713 NPAs – Pooling Implementation Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2001**

Attendees:

Bruce Armstrong	NeuStar
Kevin Gatchell*	NeuStar
Shannon Collins*	NeuStar
Jennifer Fagan	Texas PUC Staff
Todd Wheeler	Arch Wireless, Inc
Duane McRanie	Arch Wireless, Inc.
Kristene Stark	Grande Communications
Mark Lancaster	AT&T
Deborah Bell	SBC
Amanda Mondragon	Taylor Communications Group, Inc.
Jesse T. Garcia, Jr.	SBC
Barbara Taute	SBC
Chris Copenhaver	TXU Communications
Jim Grover	Sprint
Denise Thomas*	WorldCom
Vershon Ensley*	XO Communications
Shirley Paswaters*	Level 3
Elizabeth Haigler*	Alltel
Paul Pino*	ITT Choicecom
Jean Yoon*	Allegiance Telecom
Diana Watkins*	Alltel
Michelle Thomas*	Voicestream Wireless
Brad Jackson*	Alltel/Sugarland Telephone
Jim Norris*	WorldCom
Karen ?*	Alltel
??*	IONEX Comm.

* Attendance via conference bridge

- The meeting was opened at approximately 1:30 p.m. (CDT) by Jennifer Fagan by introducing the purpose of the meeting. This meeting was scheduled for the purpose of determining the number pooling implementation schedule for the 832/281/713 NPAs in Houston (Project No. 24186). Jennifer turned the meeting over to Bruce Armstrong of NeuStar. The meeting continued with introductions (a sign-in sheet was distributed) and roll call of all conference call attendees.
- A copy of the handouts was distributed to all attendees. Copies of the presentation and all pre-meeting materials are available on the NeuStar web site (<http://www.numberpool.org>) under Reports and the Texas NPAs and First Implementation Meeting documents.
- 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
- August 2, 2001 – Texas PUC Order Modifying Dates for Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth NPAs
- October 1, 2001 – 210 NPA Mandated Implementation Date
- November 1, 2001 – 832 Houston NPA Mandated Implementation Date
- December 1, 2001 – 281 Houston NPA Mandated Implementation Date
- January 1, 2002 – 713 Houston NPA Mandated Implementation Date
- Copies of all information: List of LNP-capable code holders (from the July 2001 LERG), rate centers with LNP-capable carriers (from the July 2001 LERG), sample forecasting and donation forms were either distributed to all parties or made available on the NeuStar web site (<http://www.numberpool.org>).
- There was a short discussion describing the process, forms, forecasts, donations, rate centers, LNP-capable code holders. During the discussion of the pooling-capable rate centers from the LERG, SBC noted that they believe that some of the rate centers may have been consolidated. It was believed that this was accomplished during early 1998. Jennifer Fagan agreed to try to find a copy of the order that would provide the specific rate centers that were consolidated. After determining all the correct rate centers for the pool, NeuStar agreed to make any appropriate modifications to the rate centers on the forecast and donation forms on our web site. NeuStar offered to work one-on-one with any pooling participant who required any further assistance with the forms.
- The next item of discussion was the timeline itself. Several things were noted:
 - The Commission has ordered Mandated Implementation dates for the three overlay NPAs in three successive months (832 – November 1, 2001, 281 – December 1, 2001 and 713 – January 1, 2002).
 - It was noted that the Block Protection date is a relatively moot point since parties are required by FCC order to maintain their internal inventories to assign numbers sequentially. Therefore, a suggestion was made that the Forecast Report date, the Block Protection date and the Block Donation ID date could be the same date.
 - A discussion took place regarding the potential for simultaneous production of certain timeline items for all three NPAs. It was decided that the forecast for all three NPAs should be taken as one. Also, the Block Donation ID should be performed at the same time. With the forecasts and donations performed for all three NPAs simultaneously, the PA may then make its assessment of the pool at that time. Note: Since the Block Donation and Pool Start dates are not the same for each NPA, during the early stage of the pool (November 1 – January 1) the pool will need to be sized to meet the total demand using only the donated resources in the 832 (first month), and the 281 (second month).
 - There was discussion regarding the actual work involved in preparing the block donation identification versus the actual block identification later in the timeline. The initial block identification is the carriers' best effort to identify the number of donated blocks. However, up to the Block Donation date, the carrier is able to

modify that list by adding to or taking away blocks based on its internal scrutiny of blocks. After the Block Donation date, carriers who want to get their blocks back will have to apply to the PA.

- 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 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. There was a primary decision in this discussion: (1) If the 66 day time period between the PA Assessment date and the Block Donation date was observed, little or no time would be available for the production of the forecasts and donations in the beginning. (2) If more time were granted parties to prepare their forecasts and donations, the 66 day time period would be contracted accordingly. After discussion, it was determined that the best solution would be to provide as much time as possible on the front end for preparing the forecasts and donations, realizing that there was a potential for a scarcity of PA resources at Pool Start.
- A question was answered in the affirmative whether a carrier could go ahead and donate its blocks from all three NPAs at the Block Donation date for the first NPA (832). However, a service provider may only request resources from the 832 NPA after to the Pool Start date for that NPA (11/01/01). Likewise, a service provider may only request resources from the 832 and 281 NPAs after those two Pool Start dates (12/01/01). After the Pool Start date for the 713 NPA (01/01/02), resources may be requested from all three NPAs.
- There was a discussion about whether a service provider could request a full CO code (assuming they had a legitimate customer need) from the NANPA prior to the Pool Start date for that particular NPA. For example, if a service provider required a full CO code for a customer in the 713 NPA between November 1, 2001 and January 1, 2002, that code may be requested from NANPA. As long as a Pool Start date has not begun, NANPA can issue CO codes under its guidelines.
- A suggested set of dates was presented by AT&T. After discussion and some modifications, a timeline was agreed upon by the group.
- The following timeline was adopted:

#	MILESTONES	832 NPA	281 NPA	713 NPA
1	Regulatory Mandate	06/04/01	06/04/01	06/04/01
2	First Implementation Meeting	08/15/01	08/15/01	08/15/01
3	Forecast Report Date (based on Mandated Implementation Date)	09/27/01	09/27/01	09/27/01
4	Block Protection Date	09/27/01	09/27/01	09/27/01
5	Block Donation Identification Date to Pool Administrator (based on Pool Start/Allocation date) - NXX's must be portable in LERG and NPAC - Begin Intra-Service Provider Porting	09/27/01	09/27/01	09/27/01
6	PA Assessment of Industry Inventory Surplus/Deficiency - Posted on PA website	10/11/01	10/11/01	10/11/01
7	Block Donation Date - Confirmation letter by SPs to PA - End Intra- Service Provider Porting Note: 5 business days later – LERG update completed by Telcordia with blocks SP's are retaining	10/25/01	11/26/01	12/21/01
8	Pool Start/Allocation Date 1 st Day to Request Thousands-Blocks	11/01/01	12/01/01	01/01/02
9	Mandated Implementation Date	11/01/01	12/01/01	01/01/02

- It was pointed out that, since the three NPAs are all part of a single overlay areas, the pool actually starts when the first Pool Start date occurs (11/01/01).
- AT&T raised the 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. The issue has been brought before the INC. The Texas PUC indicated that it planned to address the issue within the next month (by 9/24, the Block Donation date for the 210 NPA) assuming the INC does not resolve the issue in the interim.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.