

where N represents any one of the numbers 2 through 9 and X represents any one of the numbers 0 through 9.

(b) *Area code relief.* The term “area code relief” refers to the process by which central office codes are made available when there are few or no unassigned central office codes remaining in an existing area code and a new area code is introduced.

(c) *Central office (CO) code.* The term “central office code” refers to the second three digits (NXX) of a ten-digit telephone number in the form NXX-NXX-XXXX, where N represents any one of the numbers 2 through 9 and X represents any one of the numbers 0 through 9.

(d) *Central office (CO) code administrator.* The term “central office code administrator” refers to the entity or entities responsible for managing central office codes in each area code.

(e) *North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA).* The term “North American Numbering Plan Administrator” refers to the entity or entities responsible for managing the NANP.

§ 52.9 General requirements.

(a) To ensure that telecommunications numbers are made available on an equitable basis, the administration of telecommunications numbers shall, in addition to the specific requirements set forth in this subpart:

(1) Facilitate entry into the telecommunications marketplace by making telecommunications numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to telecommunications carriers;

(2) Not unduly favor or disfavor any particular telecommunications industry segment or group of telecommunications consumers; and

(3) Not unduly favor one telecommunications technology over another.

(b) If the Commission delegates any telecommunications numbering administration functions to any State or other entity pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1), such State or entity shall perform these functions in a manner consistent with this part.

§ 52.11 North American Numbering Council.

The duties of the North American Numbering Council (NANC), may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Advising the Commission on policy matters relating to the administration of the NANP in the United States;

(b) Making recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial number administration;

(c) Initially resolving disputes, through consensus, pertaining to number administration in the United States;

(d) Recommending to the Commission an appropriate entity to serve as the NANPA;

(e) Recommending to the Commission an appropriate mechanism for recovering the costs of NANP administration in the United States, consistent with § 52.17;

(f) Carrying out the duties described in § 52.25; and

(g) Carrying out this part as directed by the Commission.

§ 52.13 North American Numbering Plan Administrator.

(a) The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) shall be an independent and impartial non-government entity.

(b) The duties of the NANPA shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Ensuring that the interests of all NANP member countries are considered;

(2) Processing number assignment applications associated with, but not limited to: area codes, N11 codes, carrier identification codes (CICs), “500” central office codes, “900” central office codes, “456” central office codes, Signalling System 7 network codes, and Automatic Number Identification Integration Integers (ANI II);

(3) Assigning the numbers and codes described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section;

(4) Maintaining and monitoring administrative number databases;

(5) Assuming additional telecommunications number administration activities, as assigned; and