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HAVING REVISED section 42 of the National Constitution, Decree N° 952/96 modified by Decree N° 1620/96, Resolutions SC N° 57/96, 136/96, 156/96 and 25835/96, and Case Record CNT N° 4357/97, and

CONSIDERING:

That in order to fulfill the constitutional mandate of guaranteeing freedom of choice in the trade relationship, the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE POWER has established as an objective of this Department the drafting of the Plans which will guarantee the future competitive provision of telecommunications services.

That, to that end, Resolutions SC N° 57/96 and 136/96 have suspended the effects of the Plans adopted by Resolutions CNT N° 272/96 and 346/96 in order to prepare them for the future open and competitive market.

That Resolution N° 156/96 adopted the procedure prescribed in Section 44 of the Communications Public Hearings and Inquiry Documents General Rules, as the means for drafting the National Numbering Plan.

That through the aforementioned Resolution this Department has posed a series of questions related to the Plan, for the industry to answer within a pre-established term.

That, to that end, copies of the aforementioned Inquiry Document have been sent to the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL, TELECOM ARGENTINA STET FRANCE TELECOM S.A., TELEFONICA DE ARGENTINA S.A., TELECOMUNICACIONES INTERNACIONALES DE ARGENTINA – TELINTAR S.A., STARTEL S.A., COMPAÑÍA DE RADIOCOMUNICACIONES MÓVILES S.A., MINIPHONE S.A., TELECOM PERSONAL S.A., TELEFONICA COMUNICACIONES PERSONALES S.A., CTI COMPAÑÍA DE TELÉFONOS DEL INTERIOR S.A., CTI NORTE COMPAÑÍA DE TELÉFONOS DEL INTERIOR S.A., AT&T SERVICIOS DE COMUNICACIONES ARGENTINA S.A., M.C.I. ARGENTINA S.A., IMPSAT S.A., COMSAT S.A., ARGENTINE CABLE TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, ARGENTINE

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AUDIOTEXT PROVIDERS CHAMBER, ARGENTINE DATABASE AND ONLINE SERVICES CHAMBER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATICS ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL (COPITEC), CABLEVISIÓN – TCI S.A., VIDEOCABLE COMUNICACIÓN, MULTICANAL S.A., FEDERACIÓN DE COOPERATIVAS TELEFÓNICAS DEL SUR (FECOSUR), ARGENTINE CHAMBER OF INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS (CICOMRA), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ARGENTINA, ARGENTINE SATELLITE APPLICATIONS CHAMBER (CADAS), RADIOMENSAJE S.A., RADIOLLAMADA S.A., MTEL S.A., BUENOS AIRES TRUNKING S.A., MAC CAW ARGENTINA S.A., CONECTEL S.A., NAHUELSAT S.A., and to all those companies interested in providing telecommunications services which require or will require numbering facilities, either presently or in the future.

That having received the filings by companies in the industry, a round of meetings with their representatives was set up, in order to clarify and add to the opinions previously manifested.

That taking into account the regulatory frame currently in force, the government's policy in this matter, and the comments and opinions collected, a Draft National Numbering Plan was drawn up.

That the aforementioned Draft Plan was made public and presented to the companies in the industry through Resolution SC N° 25835/96.

That the consulted companies were again called to participate by means of suggestions and objections to the Draft Plan.

That after such task was fulfilled this Department set up new meetings with the industry in order to discuss on the content of the aforementioned Draft Plan.

That within the framework of such discussion the intervening companies and corporate associations offered valuable opinions on the Draft National Numbering Plan.

That in view of the several meetings held between this Department and the private sector we understand consensus regarding numbering rules has been reached.

That the telecommunications market requires coherent and sound Plans in order to promote productivity, technological innovation and growth in the industry.

That, in this respect, it should be noticed that the proposed National Numbering Plan is in keeping with a global change towards a telecommunications market with multiple services and providers, which has been the goal for the sector since the beginning of the deregulation process.

That the intention of this Resolution is to lay down clear and transparent rules to guarantee effective competition and prevent any form of disruption or abuse from dominant positions which may discourage new providers from entering the market, as well as to promote its growth and development.

That considering the foregoing explanation, having guaranteed transparency, publicity and the participation of stakeholders in the development of decisive rules for the telecommunications sector, it is appropriate for this Department to adopt the National Numbering Plan.

That this Department's Office of Legal Affairs has intervened as required.

That this measure is adopted as part of the powers vested in this Department by Decree N° 1620/96.

Thus,

THE COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY

HEREBY DECIDES:

SECTION 1°. – The National Numbering Plan, which is part of this document as Annex I, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2°. – Let it be recorded, known, published, given to the National Administration of the Official Registry, and filed.

RESOLUTION SC N° 46

NATIONAL NUMBERING PLAN

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I INTRODUCTION

I.1 Objective

The objective of this National Numbering Plan (NNP) is to be a basis for the adequate use and management of numbering as a limited national resource, in the best interest of users and providers of telecommunications services. The main criteria for this plan are the efficient and non-discriminatory distribution of available resources. It is of paramount importance that the numbering be easy for the users to understand and use.

I.2 Background information and the need for change

The numbering capacity available today allows the normal growth of all services being provided, including the demand of new providers who might enter the market until the National Number expands to 10 digits. We can detect a need to create a new Numbering Plan which acknowledges the current regulation scheme and offers an overall solution for the development of multiple services and providers. From this perspective, and taking into account the current numbering utilization level in the MABA (Multiple Area of Buenos Aires), we can predict that it will be exhausted in the short run. The same can be diagnosed in others areas, as we can see some compromised areas where a larger numbering capacity will be needed. Multiple new services, and the quick development of existing ones, together with the incorporation of new providers due to the future opening of yet exclusive sectors to competition, will create a higher demand for numbering resources which will have to be satisfied in order for the telecommunications networks evolution to continue.

I.3 Current Situation

The current numbering system uses 8-digit fixed length National Numbers, made up of a variable length Area Code (1 to 3 digits) and a variable length Subscriber Number (5 to 7 digits). Although the overall current numbering utilization level is lower than 10% nationally, in the Area Code 1 (MABA) utilization level nears 50%. Special service Codes have a 1XY format, except for operator services (19 and 000).

I.4 Considerations and Principles for the development of the new Plan

1. The National Numbering Plan (NNP) must offer an adequate capacity to unambiguously identify all destinations and terminals in the national territory while in force.
2. It must offer flexibility and the capacity to expand, in order to satisfy future growth requirements.
3. It must be easy to understand and use.
4. It must be structured in such a way that it helps the number analysis and routing of calls.
5. It must offer users stability and long periods without changes in their user numbers.
6. It must use the fewest possible digits during the dialing procedure, consistent with the services' needs.
7. It must allow the opening of new services and destinations without impairing the Plan as a whole.
8. It must be compatible with the related International Recommendations.
9. National Numbers must contain only decimal digits.
10. It must leave an adequate capacity for prefixes and future expansion.
11. It must allow a fair and efficient management of numbering.
12. The NNP and its elements shall at all times be considered a national resource; the distribution of a resource does not entail its ownership. Its use will be determined by the management agency.
13. The definition of the providers' service areas is independent from this NNP.
14. The migration process must maintain the Area Code's geographic and rate meanings and consider the current providers' and users' technical and economic difficulties.

II DEFINITIONS

Access prefix

Digit or digit combination which, as part of the dialing procedure, allows the choosing of different number formats, transit networks and/or services. It is not part of the number.

Country code

Digit or digit combination assigned by the ITU-T to identify each country.

Dialing format

Digit sequence which must be dialed in order to reach a user or service.

Exchange code

Digit or digit combination which identifies a group of 10,000 consecutive numbers.

Exchange Internal Number

Four-digit combination which identifies each user within a Central Office Code.

Geographic National Number

The National Number is made up of the Area Code and the Subscriber Number.

International Long Distance Carrier ID Code

Digit combination which identifies a particular Long Distance carrier's Network and allows the calls to be delivered to such network.

International Number

Number which must be dialed or requested following the International Access Prefix in order to communicate with a destination in another country. The International Number is made up of the destination Country Code plus the National Number.

Local or Subscriber Number

The Subscriber Number is made up of the Central Office Code and the Central Office Internal Number.

Local service area

A geographic area defined or authorized by the regulatory authority.

Long Distance Code or Area Code

Digit or digit combination which identifies an area in a particular country.

National Number

Digit combination which identifies a destination within a particular country.

Non-Geographic National Number

Number which, when dialed by a user, needs to be translated by an element of a national network prior to routing in order to find the destination's geographic number, and whose identity is not related to a specific area (for example, the 800 Service).

Portability among counties

The ability which allows a user to change his/her geographic location within the national territory, keeping his/her National Number.

Portability among different services

The capacity which allows a user to change his/her type of service in the same county, keeping his/her National Number (for example, to discard a fixed phone and hire a cellular phone).

Portability among the providers of a service

The capacity which allows a user to change his/her service provider in the same county and for the same service, keeping his/her National Number.

Special service code

Digit combination which identifies a Special Service such as the fire squad.

III NATIONAL NUMBER STRUCTURE

III.1 National Number Structure

III.1.1 Length

The length of National Numbers is consistently 10 digits.

III.2 Geographic Number Structure

III.2.1.1 Geographic National Number Structure

The Geographic National Number is made up of the Area Code and the Subscriber Number, and it amounts to 10 digits, as shown in Table 3.1.

GEOGRAPHIC NATIONAL NUMBER (10 Digits)	
LONG DISTANCE CODE	USER NUMBER
A B	c d e f g h i j
A B C	d e f g h i j
A B C D	e f g h i j

Table 3.1 Geographic National Number Structure

Characteristics:

Restriction on the use of the 0 Digit as first digit in the National Number.

The use of the zero (0) digit as first digit in the National Number is restricted, as it is assigned for access prefixes.

III.2.1.2 Subscriber Number Structure

The Subscriber Number allows a user to be identified within a Local Service Area, and it can be six, seven or eight digits long (variable length). It is made up of the Central Office Code and the Central Office Internal Number, and its format is shown in Table 3.2.

USER NUMBER	
CENTRAL OFFICE CODE	CENTRAL OFFICE INTERNAL NUMBER
e f	g h i j
d e f	g h i j
c d e f	g h i j

Table 3.2 User Number Structure

Characteristics:

- ### **Restriction on the use of the 0 Digit as first digit in the Central Office Code.**
The use of the zero (0) digit as first digit in the Exchange Code is restricted, as it is assigned for access prefixes.
- ### **Restriction on the use of the 1 Digit as first digit in the Central Office Code.**
The use of the one (1) digit as first digit in the Exchange Code is restricted.
- ### **Central Office Internal Number.** It is always made up of four digits, ranging from 0000 to 9999 (g, h, i, j).

III.3 Non-Geographic Number Structure

III.3.1 Non-Geographic Number Structure

The general structure for Non-Geographic Numbers is shown in Table 3.3.

NON-GEOGRAPHIC NATIONAL NUMBER (10 Digits)	
NON-GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE CODE	CUSTOMER NUMBER
ABC	d e f g h i j

Table 3.3 Non-Geographic Number Structure

Characteristics:

- ### **Restriction on the use of the 0 Digit as first digit in the National Number.**
The use of the zero (0) digit as first digit in the National Number is restricted, as it is assigned for access prefixes.

Table 3.4 shows the definition of Non-Geographic National Services.

Non-Geographic Service Code	Description
600	Audiotext Value Added Non-Geographic Number
601 to 609	Reserve for Audiotext Value Added Non-Geographic Numbers
610	Non-Geographic Numbers for other Value Added Service
611 to 699	Reserve for Non-Geographic Services
800	Automatic Collect Calling Non-Geographic Numbers
801 to 809	Reserve for Automatic Collect Calling Non-Geographic Numbers
810 to 899	Reserve for Non-Geographic Services

Table 3.4 Non-Geographic Number Description

III.4 Special Service Code Structure

III.4.1 Special Service Code Structure

Special Services are designed to provide emergency communications, community services and telecommunications service providers' customer service.

All Special Services, except for operator services, will be provided with the following format:

1XY

Where:

- 1** is the Special Service Code
- X** is the General code of the Special Services type
- Y** is the Specific Service's code (0 to 9)

The Special Services groups defined by the General code **X** are shown in Table 3.5.

CODE GROUPS	TYPES OF SERVICE
10Y	Emergency Services
11Y	Customer Services
12Y	Customer Services

Table 3.5 Special Service Code Groups

III.4.2 Codes Assigned to Special Services

Table 3.6 shows the codes assigned to Special Services.

CODE ASSIGNED	SERVICE
100	Fire Squad
101	Police
102	Child Care
103	Defensa Civil
105	Environmental emergency
106	Nautical Emergency
107	Medical Emergency
110	Information
112	Local provider's customer service
113	Official Time
114	Repairs
115	Ringing test
121	Service account status
19	National Operator
000	International Operator

Table 3.6 Codes assigned to Special Services

III.5 Long Distance Carrier ID Code Structure

The carrier ID code has the following structure:

PQR

Where:

P = 1,...,9 (P = 0 Reserved for future evolution)

Q,R = 0, 1, ..., 9

IV DIALING PROCEDURES

IV.1 Local Call Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.1 in order to place local calls:

TYPE OF CALL	DIGITS DIALED
Local	Subscriber Number

Table 4.1 Local Call Dialing Procedure

A call with origin and destination within the same local service area and with the Area Code, with a 6-digit Subscriber Number:

e f g h i j

A call with origin and destination within the same local service area and with the same Area Code, with a 7-digit Subscriber Number:

d e f g h i j

A call with origin and destination within the same local service area and with the same Area Code, with an 8-digit Subscriber Number:

c d e f g h i j

If calls with origin and destination within the same local service area and with different Area Codes are authorized, they will be dialed according to the National Number.

The Regulatory Authority will be able to allow local service providers the dialing of National Numbers, with or without the national long distance access prefix, for local calls.

IV.2 Access Prefixes

All service providers shall use the same prefixes shown on table 4.2, when such prefixes are necessary to offer a service.

PREFIX	MEANING
0	Automatic National Long Distance Calls Pre - selected carrier
00	Automatic International Long Distance Calls Pre - selected carrier
15	"Calling Party Pays" modality calls
17	National Long Distance Calls Per call selected carrier
18	International Long Distance Calls Per call selected carrier

Table 4.2 Access Prefixes

Dialing preceded by "*" is left to its free use by local service providers.

IV.3 Automatic Long Distance Call Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.3 in order to place national calls outside of their local areas:

DESTINATION	MODALITY	DIGITS DIALED
National	Pre-selected Carrier	0 + National Number
	Per call selected carrier	17 + PQR + National Number

Table 4.3 Automatic Long Distance Call Dialing Procedure

Where:

PQR = Long Distance Carrier ID Code

IV.4 Automatic International Call Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.4 in order to make international calls:

DESTINATION	MODALITY	DIGITS DIALED
International	Pre-selected Carrier	00 + International Number
	Per call selected carrier	18 + PQR + International Number

Table 4.4 International Call Dialing Procedure

Where:

PQR = Long Distance Carrier ID Code

IV.5 Special Service Access Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.5 in order to communicate with Special Services:

DESTINATION	MODALITY	DIGITS DIALED
Special Services not provided by a long distance carrier	Does not apply	Service Code
Special Services provided by a long distance carrier	Pre-selected carrier	Service Code (*)
	Per call selected carrier	17 + PQR +0+ Service Code (*)

Table 4.5 Special Service Access Dialing Procedure

(*) For those services provided by a long distance carrier.

Where:

PQR = Long Distance Carrier ID Code

IV.6 Non-Geographic National Number Dialing Procedure

IV.6.1 Non-Geographic National Number Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.6 in order to place calls to Non-Geographic National Numbers:

DESTINATION	DIGITS DIALED
Non-Geographic National Number	0 + Non-Geographic Number

Table 4.6 Non-Geographic National Number Dialing Procedure

Note. For certain non-geographic services it will be possible to use the Long Distance Carrier Selection, according to the procedure on table 4.3.

IV.6.2 Foreign Non-Geographic Number Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.7 in order to place calls to Foreign Non-Geographic Numbers. This dialing modality will be subject to directives issued by the Regulatory Authority and the criteria recommended by international bodies and agreements.

DESTINATION	DIGITS DIALED
Foreign Non-Geographic Number	00 + Non-Geographic International Number (*)

Table 4.7 Foreign Non-Geographic Number Dialing Procedure

(*) The Non-Geographic International Number includes the country code

Note 1. For certain international non-geographic services it will be possible to use the Long Distance Carrier Selection, according to the procedure on table 4.4.

IV.7 National Long Distance Operator Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.8 in order to communicate with the National Long Distance Operator.

DESTINATION	MODALITY	DIGITS DIALED
National Long Distance Operator	Pre-selected Carrier	19
	Per call selection	17 + PQR + 0 + 19

Table 4.8 National Long Distance Operator Dialing Procedure

Where:

PQR = Long Distance Carrier ID Code

IV.8 International Long Distance Operator Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.9 in order to communicate with the International Long Distance Operator.

DESTINATION	MODALITY	DIGITS DIALED
International Long Distance Operator	Pre-selected Carrier	000
	Operator Selection	18+PQR+000

Table 4.9 International Long Distance Operator Dialing Procedure

Where:

PQR = Long Distance Carrier ID Code

IV.9 “Calling Party Pays” modality Dialing Procedure

Users go through the dialing procedure shown on Table 4.10 in order to access “calling party pays” modality services.

MODALITY	DESTINATION	DIGITS DIALED
“Calling party pays”	Local	15 + Local number

Table 4.10 “Calling Party Pays” modality Dialing Procedure

V PROVISIONS FOR FUTURE EVOLUTION

V.1 Principles

An essential part of an efficient and adequate Numbering Plan is determining its long term evolution in order to offer enough capacity for all future service needs, taking into account the needs of users and providers, international recommendations and possible technological changes.

V.2 Numbers reserved for Access Prefixes and Special Service Codes

The following numbers are reserved, and they can be used in the future as access prefixes or special service codes.

NUMBER	USE
13	In reserve
14	In reserve
16	In reserve

Table 5.1 Prefix and special service reserves

V.3 First Digit in the National Number (range reserve)

The following numbering ranges are kept in reserve in order to open new Area Codes or new non-geographic services.

First digit in the National Number	Use
4	In reserve
5	In reserve
7	In reserve
9	In reserve

Table 5.2 Reserves for the first digit in the National Number

V.4 First Digit in the Long Distance Carrier ID Codes

The first digit (P=0) in the Long Distance Carrier ID Codes is kept in reserve for future expansion.

VI DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NUMBERING RESOURCES

VI.1 Principles

The Regulatory Authority is responsible for managing the Fundamental National Numbering Plan.

- The Regulatory Authority shall keep the nontransferable right of interpreting this NNP and solving all related disputes.
- The NNP Administrator shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Notifying the telecommunications service providers about the numbering allocations made.
 2. Allocating Central Office Codes.
 3. Allocating Non-Geographic Numbers.
 4. Defining and opening new Special Service Codes or modifying existing ones.
 5. Allocating and modifying Area Codes.
 6. Allocating Long Distance Carrier Codes.
 7. Supervising and controlling NNP resources.
 8. Others related to the correct managing and implementation of the NNP.
- The NNP Consulting Committee will be created as a standing consulting body for the telecommunications sector as regards the NNP. This forum will be open to the whole sector and will be chaired by a Regulatory Authority representative.
 - The Administrator shall consult with the NNP Consulting Committee on opening or modifying Special Service Codes, Access Prefixes, Area Codes and Non-Geographic Service Codes.
- ### An administrative procedure is needed in order to control the use of numbering in the country and address the providers' numbering requests in a timely fashion.
- The NNP number subgroups are:
 - a) Geographic Numbers
 - b) Non-Geographic Numbers
 - c) Special Service Codes
 - d) Long Distance Carrier ID Codes
 - e) Service Access Prefixes
- ### Each subgroup requires a different management procedure.

VI.2 Guidelines for allocating Geographic Numbers

VI.2.1 Main Points

- All telecommunications service providers may request Geographic Numbers.
- The procedure must allow the allocation requests to be addressed promptly so that service providers can operate efficiently.
- The information system shall be flexible and contain detailed information on numbering (in service, allocated and free) and on the providers with allocated numbering, in order to achieve accurate control of this resource.
- The Administrator shall have the right to verify the correct use of previously allocated numbering according to the type of service offered, the number of users and the amount of equipment implemented.
- The information may be consulted by telecommunications service providers.
- Once numbering is allocated to a service provider, its use shall begin within 1 year. Otherwise the Administrator shall have the right to revoke it.
- Once an authoritative notice of service startup is received, all providers shall make the necessary arrangements in their networks to allow the correct routing of such numbers to the corresponding provider's network, within a period not greater than 2 months.
- In the case that a service provider's demand in a county is less than 1000 numbers, the Administrator shall have the right to allocate an exchange code to be shared among several providers (in 1000-number blocks).

VI.3 Guidelines for allocating Numbering for Non-Geographic Services

VI.3.1 Main Points

Non-geographic Numbering consists of virtual numbers.

A virtual number is that whose structure does not directly correspond to a network terminal device, but requires a translation to find the real number associated to such terminal device.

In the future, users with allocated Non-Geographic Numbers shall explicitly choose, and will be able to switch, the provider with which they have a subscription without changing their Non-Geographic Numbers. From this perspective, these numbers are **portable**. However, as this Plan comes into force, Non-Geographic Numbers can be **non-portable**.

VI.3.2 Distribution of non-portable Non-Geographic Numbers

Until there is portability, the Administrator will allocate Non-Geographic Numbers to service providers taking into account the following:

- ◆ Authorized service providers can request a code, which will be granted randomly, in 10000-number blocks.
- ◆ Authorized service providers can request a new code once they justify they have allocated to end users 60% of the numbers granted by the Administrator.

VI.3.3 Distribution of portable Non-Geographic Numbers

- These numbers are allocated to customers, who can switch service providers keeping their Non-Geographic Numbers.
- Customers can request specific numbers from the Administrator through an authorized service provider, which will produce before the Administrator an explicit request by the customer.

In this particular case, numbers must start operating within a period not greater than 60 days. Otherwise the number will have to be returned to the Administrator's number reserve.

Specific number requests will be addressed on a strict first come, first served basis.

Service providers will be allowed to hold a reserve of 1000 Non-Geographic Numbers per type of service to allocate to their customers.

Service providers authorized by the Administrator will be able to allocate Non-Geographic Numbers from the group destined to them to those customers who request them, considering that:

- The service provider shall inform the Administrator about such allocation (specifying the Non-Geographic Number and the customer), within 10 business days.
- Numbers allocated to customers cannot be sold, traded or transferred to a third party.

Customers can use Non-Geographic Numbers provided they do not cancel those numbers or their subscription to an authorized service provider during a period greater than 30 consecutive days. In that case the number will be dropped and returned to the non-allocated group controlled by the Administrator.

Our intention is for the re-allocation of dropped numbers not to be fulfilled within the first 6 months.

VI.3.4 Decentralized Distribution of Non-Geographic Numbers

For those services which allow repeated numbers due to their features and translation methods, a centralized distribution is not required and authorized service providers may allocate numbers according to their customers' needs.

VI.3.5 Opening of Non-Geographic Service Codes

If a provider wishes to offer a non-geographic service different from those existing, it must request the opening of a Non-Geographic Service Code by the Administrator. The application shall include a description of the service to be offered and the proposed Code.

The Administrator shall consult with the Consulting Committee in order to receive comments and shall pass the corresponding ruling within a period not greater than 60 days.

VI.4 Guidelines for Allocating Special Service Numbers

VI.4.1 Main Points

- ### Codes defined for Special Services shall be homogeneous for all providers and shall be used only for the Special Services defined by the Administrator.
- ### The Special Services offered through these codes are: emergency services, community services and those related to telecommunications customer service.
- ### The Special Service end provider will be the local telecommunications service provider or the government or Social Service agencies which offer Emergency Services authorized by the Administrator and which are present in the county where the call is originated. However, for Long Distance Special Services, the local provider will pass on the call to the Long Distance carrier chosen by the user through pre-subscription.
- ### If the telecommunications provider is the service end provider, the offering of the service will be subject to its own decision.
- ### If the service end provider is a government or Social agency, the local carrier will pass on the call to the service end provider. The sole condition is that the service end provider be present and available in the county where the call is originated and that this be technically feasible.
- ### If the service end provider is a Long Distance carrier, the local provider will be forced to pass on the call to the Long Distance carrier to which the call-originating customer is subscribed.
- ### In order to offer a new service with special service codes, service providers shall request the Administrator's authorization according to the procedure in 4.2.
- ### The rates for services provided through special service codes do not fall into the scope of this Numbering Plan.

VI.4.2 Change Procedure

- ### If a provider wishes to offer a service not previously taken into account or allocated, it can submit a proposal (including the service classification and code) before the Administrator, in order to get the corresponding authorization or allocation.
- ### After consulting with the Consulting Committee, the Administrator will define a code for the special service requested, which may or may not be the one proposed by the provider. In the case that the Administrator decides not to allocate a special service code, an alternative dialing scheme may be recommended, using for example 800 or local numbers.
- ### From that moment on, any other provider interested in offering the same service shall adopt the previously allocated code.
- ### Therefore, it is needed that the Administrator establish and standardize special service code management, validate the inclusion or cancellation of such codes, authorize new allocations, and monitor that the use of each code corresponds to the official allocation.

VI.5 Guidelines for Allocating Long Distance Carrier ID Codes

VI.5.1 Main Points

Each Long Distance carrier shall be identified with a **unique** 3-digit combination (PQR) for offering the national and/or international long distance service.

VI.5.2 Procedure for Allocating Long Distance Carrier ID Codes

Long Distance carriers shall propose to the Administrator the code which better suits them according to the above mentioned format.

In the case that more than one carrier chooses the same code, it shall be granted to one of them by lot, and the loser or losers shall choose a different code whose allocation shall follow the procedure above.

Only one code shall be allocated to each Long Distance carrier.

The same Long Distance Carrier ID Code shall not be allocated to more than one carrier, unless they make a common request.

VI.6 Access Prefix opening or modification

If a provider wishes to offer a new service requiring an access prefix other than those existing or the modification of a prefix, it shall request the opening or modification by the Administrator. Such request shall include a description of the service to be offered and the prefix proposed. After consulting with the Consulting Committee, the Administrator shall pass the corresponding ruling within a period not greater than 60 days.

VII MIGRATION PROCESS

VII.1 Principles

This program assumes that Non-Geographic Number portability may not be available when this Plan comes into force. In the case that portability is not available, Non-Geographic Number blocks will be distributed by lot to each provider, according to the principles established in VI.3.2.

VII.2 Modification program (general)

Changes made during this transition must be widely transmitted in order to explain their basis and grounds, as well as to allow users to understand the new NNP.

VII.3 Detailed Modification Program

- **Changing of National Number length to 10 digits**

This process will be carried out in two stages, so that the National Number migration to 10 digits is fully completed before January 31, 1999.

Local numbering expansion: the “4” digit is placed in front of all current Customer Numbers to make up the new Customer Number. By adding one digit, the numbering capacity in each Area Code can be 10 times expanded.

Example:

County	Current Customer Number	New Customer Number
AMBA	820-5656	4820-5656
La Plata	83-6789	483-6789
Córdoba	45-6789	445-6789
Tinogasta	2-6789	42-6789

Area Code Expansion: placing a new “A” digit in front of current codes makes up the new Area Codes. This process, which expands the number of available Area Codes, makes it possible for local numbers to grow reducing the Area Codes by one digit when necessary. With this process, the flexibility necessary for NNP future evolution is achieved. New area Codes required in the future can be taken from those available in A (2 or 3) or from those reserved in the Plan.

The digits added in the migration are:

- In AMBA A=1
- In Área Interior Sur A=2
- In Área Interior Norte A=3

Example:

County	Current National Number	New National Number
AMBA	1-8205656	11-48205656
La Plata	21-836789	221-4836789
Córdoba	51-456789	351-4456789
Tinogasta	837-26789	3837-426789

◆ **Migration of current cellular users with numbers not corresponding to their local areas**

Starting from the release of this NNP, cellular service providers with users with long distance codes different from their interconnection points can request integrated numbering to start a gradual migration. By January 31, 1999, old non-integrated numbering must be freed.

◆ **Non-Geographic Number Migration**

Current “600” and “800” Non-Geographic Numbers have two digits placed in front which repeat the first digit in the customer number after the non-geographic service code.

Example:

Type of service	Current Number	New Number
600	600-23456	600- 22 -23456
600	600-65432	600- 66 -65432
800	800-23456	800- 22 -23456
800	800-65432	800- 66 -65432

Other non-geographic services currently in operation must migrate to their new non-geographic service codes before July 31, 1999.

◆ **Opening of long distance carrier selection prefixes**

Once the Regulatory Authority gives the corresponding notice, local carriers will have 6 months to develop the capacity for long distance operator selection through the dialing of prefixes.