

RIL #29

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I am writing to you this time to alert you of a couple of changes that are coming along in April. By looking at the calendar you can see that this warning is on the ragged edge of being tardy.

The two items to be covered are: an additional dialing procedure for operator assistance in Mexico, and phase ~~out~~ ^{over} of the Western Union Transfer.

1. Mexico

Basically the new method is

190 + X(X)(X) +

where 190 means operator assistance traffic to Mexico, much the same as 180 means DDD traffic to Mexico; X(X)(X) identifies the 1, 2, or 3 digit routing code for the appropriate Mexican toll center, and the +... indicates the specific operator function to be accessed.

This change is made necessary by two things, first, under the existing method a new LXX code is needed for each new toll center. The quantity of these codes available is limited and Mexico is planning for many more toll centers; secondly, at some point in time, Mexico will have more of a hierarchy and will provide for alternative routing. Together, these things, more less, dictate that we move to the new method which only uses one system code, provides for alternate routing, and uses the proper codes to access Mexico's operators. Incidentally, these codes will be:

09 for inward assistance
01 for directory assistance
11XX for the LW traffic

TSPS generic 10.2 is the first to include this format and the initial installation will be April 27, 1981. Therefore, the last possible date for this to be implemented in the network is April 25, 1981. Over the following 18-24 months the other TSPS units will be upgraded and eventually the cordboard operators will cutover to the new procedures. Implicit here is the dual mode of operation during the next two years, i.e. the LXX+ and the 190+ X(X)(X)+ formats will exist on the network.

The TRG will add the 190 X(X)(X)+ above the toll center identification, it will look like the standard listing for NPA TTC+ and will be treated the same. That is, you do not send the NPA (or 190) into the NPA of destination (Mexico), nor do you send the TTC code, i.e. the X(X)(X) to the terminating toll switch. It should be noted that the TSPS operator will pulse OVS 52 + X(X)(X) + 121/131/or the LW code and the generic program will reform the digit string to the new 190 X(X)(X)+ 09, or 01, or the 11XX code.

Again, because of the lengthy transition period it will be necessary to maintain routings for both methods. The old one however, required only 3D translation except at the Last U.S. Toll Switch (LUSTS); the new method will require 6D translation before it leaves the originating Region. In effect 180 and 190 are treated similarly. Once you decide what to do with 190; check 180, if there is a difference, make sure you resolve it before implementing the change. Remember, the new routing must be added by April 25, 1981.

2. Western Union Transfer (US only). The long awaited day is fast approaching. WUTCo. has filed for a termination of the 3 row tariff effective April 1, 1981 and phase 6 (the final) of the transfer will occur on April 4, 1981. We will not be required (at least none are planned) to make any routing changes for this cutover. What it means is that by opening of business on April 6 all TWX subscribers, 3 row, 510, 710, 810 and 910 will get dial tone from WUTCo, not from us. The calls will not transit our network (except in Canada) and the codes will revert to spare - but not immediately! Do not touch a thing until after May 1, 1981. The official "revert to spare" date is June 27, 1981. After that time, the 510, 610, 710, 810 and 910 (and the various psuedo codes) in the US, revert to spare and the routing for those codes associated with TWX can be removed. See your TWX coordinators for charging WUTCo for the "washouts" in both POTS and PANS offices. NOTE: PANS stands for Peculiar And Novel Services. It therefore includes the TWX class of service serving offices, and the dedicated TWX offices.

As always, if you have any questions call me on 201 221-4759.

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