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Dear Paul,

Do you realize that it has been almost 2 months since I last wrote? I must be more careful lest I forget how to write these letters. I really should have written earlier as there are some critical items to discuss. I must apologize for that, but my time is not necessarily my own. I'm happy to say, however, that the basic cause of my tardiness, the CNRDB/IRAS cost sharing letter, has been signed and, of this writing, is being transmitted to the companies.

Overseas (U.S.A.)

System letter RL 82-07-097 was issued last month on the new LDDD countries; Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guantanamo Bay (part of Cuba), Malawi, Morocco, Oman, and Pakistan; and date wise is correct. ARGIS & IRAS will be (or should be) corrected to reflect the date the network requires the changes. Look at 9/18/82 as the toll network plant test date and 10/16/82 as the date the customers can begin dialing direct. The toll network changes must be made by 9/18 for testing.

Incidentally, there was a question raised about the ARGIS minimum-maximum digit count being the same in some cases. These should be interpreted as "exact". We elected to show the exact digit count in this fashion to relate more closely with the way that IRAS reflects the information.

Expanded NPA(s)

In my last R.I.L. (No. 37) there was mention of a change notification (FR 16032) issued last August to generically unblock the "E" digit in 1/1A ESS. The information was wrong and that particular change has to do with 90(5)/70(6) + 411.... sorry about that. It appears that the change has been elevated in stature and requires WECO to implement it. It should be done but it will just take longer to do it. In the mean time remind your 1/1A ESS folks to unblock the "E" digit for at least the 312 NPA.

End Office Codes (EOC)

Several years ago, circa 1974, it was determined that no need existed to restrict code openings or closings to the nationwide routing change dates (1st or 3rd Saturdays). The decision was kept at low profile to see if there were any catastrophic effects. Few noticed it and many forgot that it was a trial of sorts. Dee Coleman did not and as a short timer, is trying to clean up my act and get the routing house in order before she leaves. Therefore, both as a favor to Dee, who has spent a great amount of time keeping me honest (no mean chore), and to cover a long term short coming, please be aware that "any date" is sufficient for code adds and disconnects.

Before you drop all barriers and restrictions remember, one of your functions is to notify the rest of the industry when new codes are added, or rather, planned to be opened. This does not give license to "its open now". You have a responsibility to the industry to notify them in sufficient time to permit the implementation of the change.

The 1st of the routing commandments engraved on paper of the ancient and accepted Traffic Routing Guide is: "Three months - new and discontinued central office codes, change in type of switching equipment." You have the ability to control this, at least you're the only ones who have any chance at all of establishing control. Remember there is a lot of work to do put there, failure to provide the information with adequate time results in blockages a) in the network, b) to credit card calls, and c) to coin based calls. This equates to poor service, irate subscribers, and angry competitors. All of which can mean lost revenues, answering commission inquiries, and possibly defense in court action.

I hope you are now sufficiently aware of the concomitants of your actions to get on those that are giving you the problems. As usual, call me on 201-221-4759, if you have any questions.

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