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Dear Miss Carson:

This letter has been written to remind you of some major activities coming along in the near future. Very near in fact if I waste a lot of time thinking of a good opening paragraph, I might miss the first implementation date. Other than that, I hope you are surviving the cold of winter and the pains of divestiture reasonably well. For you Canadians, I guess it would be best to combine the phrases somewhat and hope you are surviving the pains and cold of winter reasonably well.

The first reminder is about the 714/619 NPA split. Previously, information has been dribbled out to you via routing information letters and special broadcasts, but some questions have arisen regarding the vacant code announcement procedures. I think the following will clarify the situation:

1. The announcements (special broadcast 25-82) for vacant coding should be put in effect on 2-5-83 and remain for eight weeks. This can be less if:
 - a. the peg count drops to the negligible region
 - b. the channel is needed for an emergency announcement (EA) of higher priority.
2. return to standard VCA on 4-2-83
3. not all 4AETS and 4ESS have six emergency channels, the highest numbered one will have to suffice, i.e., if there are four, then EA4; if three, then EA3, etc. NRO will reflect a designation of SPA.
4. if the designated channel is in use, get it cleared off through Network Management. If it is not possible, then use the standard VCA.
5. these channels are used in many other situations and flexibility in our approach is needed. Use any means at your disposal to obtain one. Creative routing administrative procedures (acronym was not authorized) may be used, but remember Network Management has the final say.

The second reminder is about the 713/409 NPA split. (I wonder why whenever 409 is mentioned, I feel a compulsion to say "Fantastik"). March 19, 1983 is the date for the new NPA. Both 713 and 409 will be acceptable for the transitional central office codes for a period of about three months. Vacant code announcements for the mis-dialed NPA should be initiated on June 25, 1983. As before, special announcement channels should be implemented in 4ESS and where otherwise available on that date and the same guidelines used for 714/619 should be applied.

The last NPA split seemed to go fairly well according to the scattered reports I have seen/heard. There were, however, a few toll switches and a fair number of end offices that did not measure up to our normal high standards. These errors of omission add to the problems of the "splittee" and believe me, they have enough without the rest of us contributing. If at all possible, contact your dial admin, machine admin, central office maint., whoever, about this cut on 3/19 and try for a near perfect implementation.

I just noticed that the NRG reflects a date of 3-5-83 for opening the codes in the toll network. OK! We'll use that date for the toll network changes as the 800 Service database is being changed early and, so as not to hurt service, you had better do it in accordance with that published date.

If you've any questions or comments, please call me on 201 221-4759.

Bill

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