



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

December 26, 2004

Mr. John C. Manning
Director - NANPA
46000 Center Oak Plaza
Sterling, VA 20166

Dear Mr. Manning:

Thank you for your December 20, 2004 letter to Mr. Jeffrey Carlisle concerning the United States Department of the Navy's (DON's) request for the assignment of an area code in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP).

I understand that the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) is reviewing the technical feasibility of the DON's request, and is expected to forward its analysis to the North American Numbering Council (NANC) during the first quarter of 2005. I also understand that after receiving the INC's analysis, the NANC will evaluate the DON's request and submit a recommendation to the Bureau.

Your letter states that the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) may proceed with the assignment of the area code if it does not receive input from the Commission by February 22, 2005. I understand, however, that you have spoken with Commission staff and indicated that the NANPA will not assign an area code to the DON until this matter is resolved by the Commission. As you know, the Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over NANP numbers, including the assignment of area codes, in the U.S. Although the Commission has delegated authority to state commissions with respect to area code assignments, the DON's request does not appear to be within the scope of the authority that has been delegated to state commissions. The Commission, therefore, will review the DON'S request after the INC and the NANC complete their reviews and when the matter is brought before the Commission.

If you have any additional questions on this matter, please feel free to contact Sanford Williams at (202) 418-1508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa S. Gelb".

Lisa S. Gelb
Deputy Chief,
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