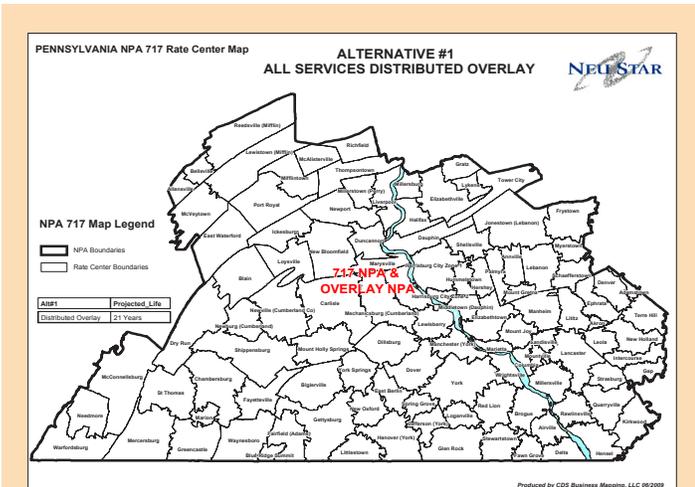




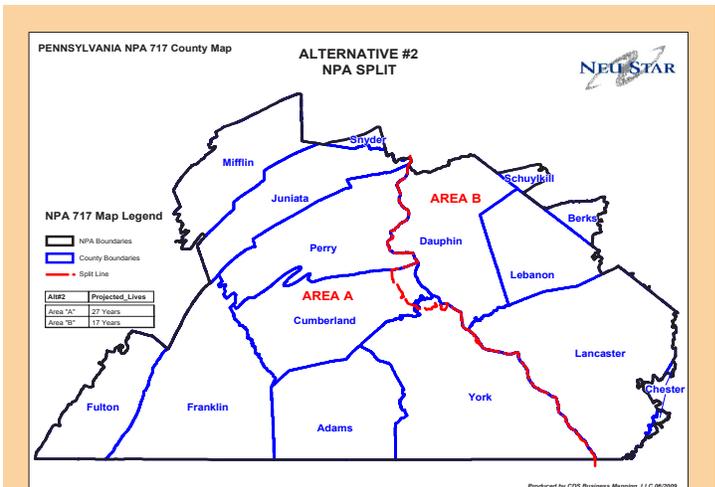
The 717 area code is projected to run out of telephone numbers in the third quarter of 2012. New area codes are needed when existing area codes exhaust their supply of “NXX” codes (which is the second set of three digits in a 10-digit telephone number, NPA-NXX-XXXX).

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator, “NeuStar Inc” (Neustar), which is the neutral third-party Number Planning Area (NPA) relief planner for Pennsylvania, petitioned the PUC on behalf of Pennsylvania’s telecommunications industry to institute an “overlay” plan. An overlay plan means that once the existing telephone numbers in the 717 area code are exhausted, new telephone services in that geographic region would be assigned telephone numbers from the new area code. Ten-digit local dialing would then apply to all telephone calls.

Six relief alternatives are proposed by the telecommunications industry for ensuring adequate number resources. The alternatives include an overlay of a new area code and various geographic splits of the existing area code running east to west, north to south or northeast to southeast. More specifics on the plan can be found the PUC’s website by searching the docket number P-2009-2136951. The Commission must adopt one of the following alternatives to provide relief for the 717 area code.



Alternative #1 – All Services Distributed Overlay: A new NPA code would be assigned to the same geographic area as the existing 717 NPA.



Alternative #2 – Two-Way Geographic Split: In a two-way geographic split, the exhausting NPA is split into two geographic areas and a new NPA is assigned to one of the areas formed by the split. For Alternative #2, the proposed split boundary line runs north to south along rate center boundaries tracking primarily along the Susquehanna River. The boundary line runs east of Liverpool, Duncannon, Marysville, Mechanicsburg, Lewisberry, Manchester, Wrightsville, Brogue, Airville and Delta.

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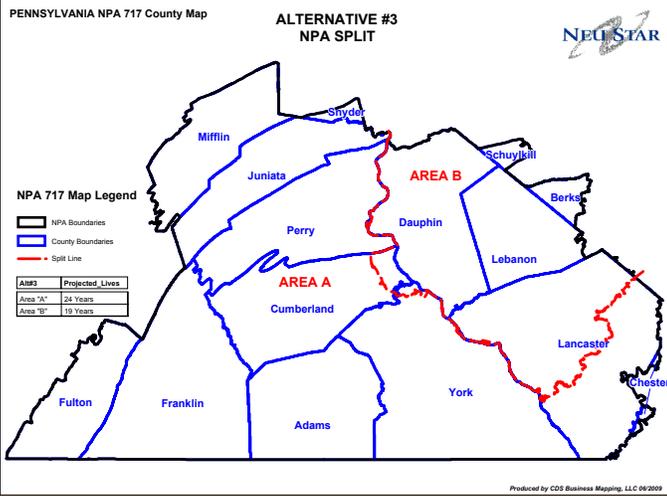
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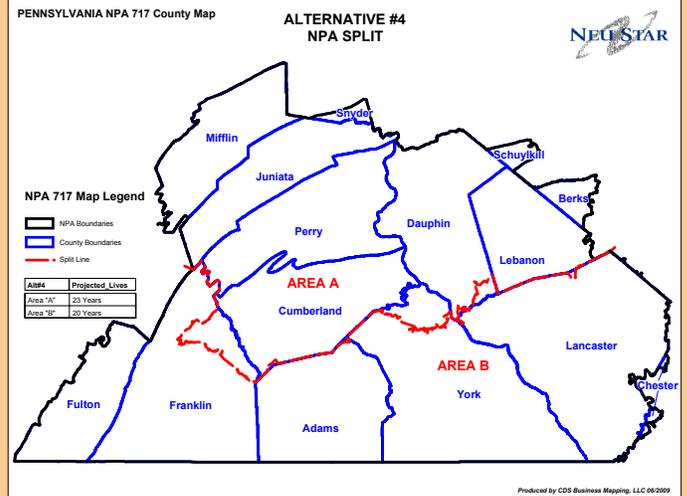
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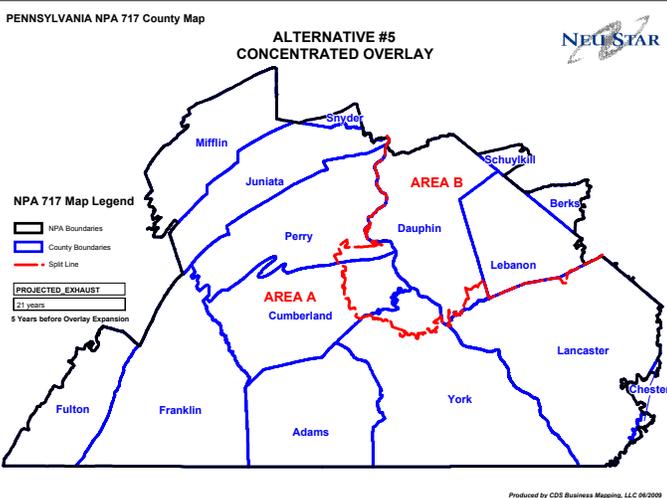




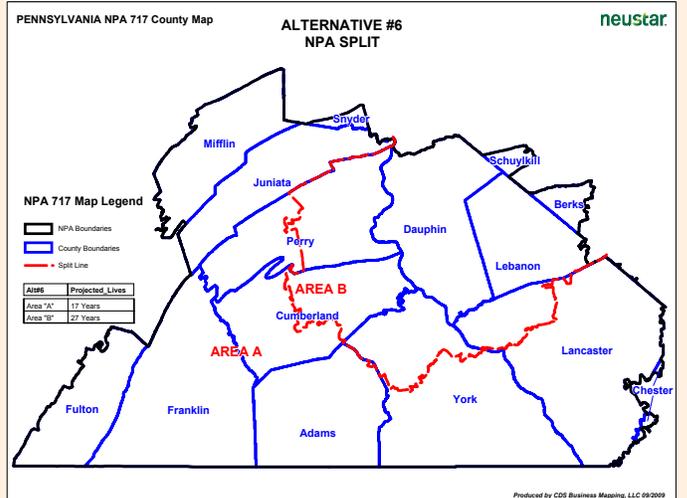
Alternative #3 – Two-Way Geographic Split: The proposed split boundary line runs north-to-south along rate center boundaries tracking primarily along the Susquehanna River. The boundary line runs east of Liverpool, Duncannon, Marysville, Mechanicsburg, Lewisberry, Manchester, Wrightsville, Brogue and turns north of Rawlinsville, Quarryville, Strasburg, Intercourse, New Holland and Terre Hill.



Alternative #4 – Two-Way Geographic Split: The proposed split boundary line runs along rate center boundaries in a west-to-east direction. The boundary line runs south of Dry Run, Chambersburg, Fayetteville, Biglerville, York Springs, Dillsburg, Dover, Manchester, Elizabethtown, Manheim, Lititz, Ephrata and Denver.



Alternative #5 – Concentrated Overlay: In a concentrated overlay, a new NPA code is assigned to only certain rate centers in the same geographic area occupied by the existing 717 NPA. Customers would retain their current telephone numbers; however, ten-digit local dialing would be required by all customers within the overlay area and between NPAs in the affected rate areas. The proposed boundary for the concentrated overlay area in Alternative #5 runs along rate center boundaries carving out a northeastern portion, referred to as Area B, of the 717 NPA. The boundary line runs west of Millersburg, Halifax, Dauphin, Marysville, and Mechanicsburg and turns north of Dillsburg, Dover, Manchester, Elizabethtown, Manheim, Lititz, Ephrata and Denver.



Alternative #6 – Two-Way Geographic Split: A suggestion was made to move the boundary line for Alternative # 5 to include the Millerstown, Liverpool, Newport, Duncannon, New Bloomfield, Carlisle, Dillsburg, Manchester, Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Marietta and Manheim rate centers in Area A and use this as a geographic split line instead of a concentrated overlay.