

The National Pooling Administrator utilizes Office of Management and Budget (OMB) bulletins to maintain a current list of rate centers that are in the top-100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in which carriers are required to pool under FCC orders. We made the following changes based on OMB published Bulletin OMB 18-04 entitled “Revised Definitions of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Micropolitan Statistical Areas, and Combined Statistical Areas, and Guidance on Uses of the Definitions of These Areas”.

The changes resulting from the above revisions are as follows:

1. The names of 17 of the current top 100 MSAs were changed.
2. 111 rate centers had the MSA association changed.
3. Six new MSAs were added to the top 100:
 - Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area
 - Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown, CT Metropolitan Statistical Area
 - Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area
 - Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC Metropolitan Statistical Area
 - El Paso, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area
 - Baton Rouge, LA Metropolitan Statistical Area
4. Some of the changes relevant to service providers involve rate center designation changes.: 42 rate centers have had rate center designation updates as follow (see list below for affected rate centers):
 - 3 were listed as optional (O) and have been changed to Single Service Provider Mandatory (M*);
 - 15 were listed as optional (O) and have been changed to Mandatory (M);
 - 14 were listed as State Mandatory (M) and have been changed to Mandatory (M);
 - 1 was listed as State Mandatory (M) and has been changed to Single Service Provider Mandatory (M*); and
 - 9 were listed as excluded (X) and have been changed to Single Service Provider Mandatory (M*)

Pooling Status Changes as a Result of OMB 18-04

NPA	State	RC Full Name	Status	New Status
641	IA	KILLDUFF	M	M*
515	IA	COLFAX	M	M
515	IA	PRAIRIE CITY	M	M
641	IA	GRINNELL	M	M
641	IA	NEWTON	M	M
662	MS	DURANT	M	M
662	MS	GOODMAN	M	M
662	MS	LEXINGTON	M	M
662	MS	TCHULA	M	M
662	MS	WEST	M	M

919	NC	OXFORD	M	M
434	VA	CAPRON	M	M
540	VA	CRIGLERSVILLE	M	M
757	VA	BOYKINS	M	M
757	VA	COURTLAND	M	M
706	GA	LINCOLNTON	O	M*
787	PR	ROOSEVLT ROAD	O	M*
939	PR	ROOSEVLT ROAD	O	M*
641	IA	COLLINS	O	M
641	IA	LYNNVILLE	O	M
641	IA	MONROE	O	M
641	IA	SULLY	O	M
985	LA	LABADIEVILLE	O	M
985	LA	MORGAN CITY	O	M
985	LA	NAPOLEONVILLE	O	M
985	LA	PIERRE PART	O	M
985	LA	THIBODAUX	O	M
252	NC	ELIZABETH CITY	O	M
252	NC	SOUTH MILLS	O	M
919	NC	VIRGILINA	O	M
432	TX	VAN HORN	O	M
915	TX	FORT HANCOCK	O	M
915	TX	SIERRA BLANCA	O	M
641	IA	BAXTER	X	M*
641	IA	GILMAN	X	M*
641	IA	KELLOGG	X	M*
641	IA	LAUREL	X	M*
641	IA	REASNOR	X	M*
915	TX	DELL CITY	X	M*
915	TX	DESERT HAVEN	X	M*
915	TX	GUADAUPE PEAK	X	M*
915	TX	MILE HIGH	X	M*

The FCC has directed the PA to maintain a practice that says that once a rate center is in a top-100 MSA and pooling is mandated, it will always be considered mandatory.

Rate centers that are changing to an M* are considered optional to pooling since they have only a single service provider in the rate center. When a second service provider receives numbering resources in this rate center, the designation will be changed to M for Mandatory.

A service provider that is new to pooling can access helpful documents and training videos at www.nationalpooling.com then by selecting tools from the menu bar and then by selecting New to Pooling from the drop down menu bar.

Should you have any questions about how to access the PAS (Pooling Administration System) at www.nationalpooling.com or how to begin pooling, please contact the Pooling Help Desk at (866) 638-7665.