

Thousands-Block Reclamation Process

Per section 8.3.12 of the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines (TBPAG), “A thousands-block assigned to an SP should be placed into service by the applicable activation deadline, that is, six months after the original effective date returned on the Part 3 and entered on the BCD/BCR screen in BIRRDs.” By submitting a Part 4, the SP is certifying that the thousands-block has been entered into the LERG™ Routing Guide (LERG) *and* has begun to activate and assign numbers within the thousands-block to end users (FCC 00-104, ¶240). Confirmation that the block has been placed into service is mandatory.

If the PA does not receive the Part 4 - Confirmation of NXX-X Block In Service, during the first five months following the original effective date issued on the Part 3, the PA will send a Reminder Notice to the thousands-block holder (refer to the TBPAG, Section 9.2.3). The notice will instruct the thousands-block holder to submit a Part 4 by the Part 4 due date or be subject to having the thousands-block reclaimed.

If the thousands-block(s) was not placed in service within six months of the original block effective date returned on the Part 3, the assignee may apply to the appropriate State Commission or FCC point of contact for an extension date. Refer to the TBPAG, Section 9.1.3 for additional information. The PA will not accept Part 4s for delinquent blocks. To obtain a copy of the Part 4 form to submit to the appropriate regulatory authority, go to: http://www.atis.org/01_committ_forums/inc/documents/. A list of the reclamation contacts for the regulatory authorities is located on the nationalpooling.com website under Reclamation/Reclamation Contacts.

For thousands-blocks that have not been activated by the Part 4 due date:

- By the tenth calendar day of each month, the PA will send a list of delinquent thousands-blocks (from the previous month) to the appropriate state commission or to the FCC (for thousands-blocks assigned in states that have opted not to exercise reclamation authority).
- On or before the last business day of each calendar month, the state commission or FCC will provide the PA with one of the following statuses:
 - **Part 4 Received** = Part 4 form has been received by the Commission
 - **Pending** = Investigation still in progress or extension granted by the Commission
 - **Reclaim** = Commission has concluded investigations and instructs Pooling to reclaim the block

For blocks that will be reclaimed:

- By the fifth business day of the month following a request for reclamation from a State Commission or the FCC:
 - Notify the block holder of the reclaimed block(s) and the disconnect date.
- By the fifth business day of the subsequent month, the PA will:
 - Disconnect the BCD record in BIRRDs per the State Commission or FCC.

- Send the list of reclaimed blocks to iconectiv® TruOps Telecom Routing Administration (TRA) to disconnect the NXD-X records in BIRRDs.
- Send “Thousands Block Reclamation Form Part 5” to the NPAC with sections A and B completed. The NPAC will complete section C of the Part 5 form and send it to the PA, Code Holder and the Block Holder to notify that the block has been removed from NPAC.

Once the block is reclaimed, the block is made available in the pool immediately for assignment, however, the earliest effective date the PA can use when reassigning that block to another service provider is 45 calendar days after the disconnect date of the block.

If you have any questions regarding the Thousands-Block Reclamation Process, please contact Kevin Gatchell at 925-420-0344 or kgatchell@somos.com.