

**What originally happened with 541-205:**

Level 3 Communications became the LERG Assignee for 541-405 in October 2004. I found the old paperwork from 10/20/04 to NANPA stating we were returning the code; On 10/25/04 NANPA knew there were ported TNs on the code and suspended our request while they looked for a new LA; On 1/27/05 we received the “go ahead” to disconnect from them, when we receive that type of message it means they have found another LA. What I don’t know is why we didn’t disconnect at that time and we did it now. On 7/21/05 we placed a disconnect on the code with an effective date of 8/1/05.

We requested verbally to get the code back from NANPA on 8/19/05 and our request was denied. Per NeuStar: As we discussed on the phone, I am unable to request the assignment of 541-405 from NANPA because pooling does not meet any of the requirements to open a new NXX outlined in the guidelines. Since this NXX was returned to NANPA it would be considered a new NXX assignment. We may only open an NXX for three reasons: replenish the pool, dedicated customer and LRN. The situation surrounding the assignment 541-405 does not meet any of these criteria, therefore a waiver from the state will be needed in order for us to request the assignment of the 541-405 NXX. This was sent to us by Tara Farquhar at NeuStar.

**Why we need the code:**

The reason that Level 3 Communications is requesting to get the code back is that we have 11 customers that are out of service. Currently CenturyTel is routing the code for us but they have taken our customers out of service again today but they did get it reinstated. This code should never have been returned back to NANPA.

Thank you.

Here is the full response from NeuStar:

Dena,

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Thank you,

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