IRM Administrator's Report

Cellular Networking Perspectives
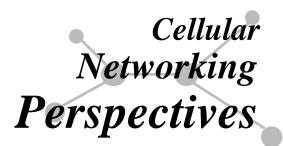
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Abstract

A summary of the status of IRM administration.

Recommendation

For the information of IFAST members.

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IRM Administrator's Report (as of March 10th, 2002)

- 64% of IRM codes are now utilized. Assignments have been steady, but not as rapid as between the last two IFAST meetings.

Date	Codes Used	Percentage Used
March, 2003	1274	64%
September, 2002	1174	59%
June, 2002	1113	56%
January, 2002	1145	57%
October, 2001	1138	57%
May, 2001	1117	56%
January, 2001	n/a	56%
October, 2000	1126	56%
March, 2000	n/a	55%

- 1044 IRMs (82%) have maintenance fees paid. This is lower than at the last report, largely because most IRM fees became due in the interim.

- There are no "Dormant" IRM codes (12-18 months past payment). A large number of codes have been officially unassigned. Some have already been reassigned. The last group unassigned were 0369 and 0399 (formerly Telemig, Brazil), 0901 (formerly Entel Movil, Bolivia).

- IRM 1234 has been temporarily removed from assignment due to possible usage for US emergency services. It is anticipated that this will likely be only a temporary situation.

- 16 codes (down from 36 in September, 2002) are in the 'owing' state (6-12 months behind on payments).

- 15 codes are in the 'being reclaimed' state (12-18 months behind on payments). This is up from 0 recorded in September, 2002.

- The 60 day 'pending' period for reservation of codes prior to completion of the application process is proving to be a fair way to ensure 'first come, first served'. Occasionally a single extension is given when a carrier is unable to complete the process in 60 days.

- Requests for codes that may become available due to non-payment are being offered to carriers in order of their first inquiry into the code's availability.

- No IRM code splitting has yet been implemented, although several scenarios requiring this have been discussed.

- IRM emails are being distributed on approximately a 2 week schedule. Each time emails regarding new assignments, reservations or returns are circulated, IRM lists at http://www.ifast.org are updated.

- Education and consultation regarding the IRM assignment process is ongoing, largely by responding to emailed inquiries.

- The IFAST secretariat (particularly Megan Hayes) has been of great assistance, as well as the IFAST website management team in Mexico.