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overlay re: DOCKET # 07-99-01

Dear sirs.

I am writing to you to express my displeasure of the proposed telephone overlay system. I am HIGHLY disappointed in this system. Your proposal will require EVERYONE to now dial TEN (10) digits EVERY TIME the phone is used - even if you just want to call accross the street to your neighbor.

It would be much easier if the phone company and the PUC just shrunk the geographic area code to the Salt Lake valley (if necessary) and give all the surrounding areas the new area code much like they did when they shrunk the state of Utah down from the 801 wide area to add the second 435 area code several years ago because of the population growth. People don't mind using the area code when they EXPECT to call long distance, but come on, IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO MAKE THE EQUIVALENT OF LONG DISTANCE TO CALL MY LOCAL PIZZA SHOP OR MY NEIGHBOR TO SAY SOMEONE STRANGE IS PARKED OUT FRONT of their house???????????

I would be willing to wager a bet that if you (and all others on the PUC) would have to call the office accross the hall or your associate PUC member or next door to you with a TEN digit number EVERYTIME instead of the inter office phone system that you currently have, you would vote NO, NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NO to this system. You guys don't have to work in the real world where TIME IS MONEY - your paycheck comes weither you take an extra few minutes or an hour to complete the job.

PLEASE, PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS IDEA and give more thought to the working public instead of only listening to Qwest and their short sightedness on this subject. I have talked to many people in my line of work (I am a general contractor) and NOT ONE person was in favor of this change. I think that if you took a new vote or poll of how many people want this system, you would be surprised at the results.

Thank you for your time - Robert Christopherson

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