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I am writing to voice my complaint and dissent regarding the Public Service Commission's recent decision to add an "overlay" to Utah Area Code 801, which will require everyone to dial an area code even when calling their next-door neighbor.

If I had heard that this decision was being considered by the PSC, I would have voiced my objection at that time. But I had not heard anything about it until I received the notice with my phone bill that the decision had already been made and that, starting June 1, we should all start dialing 10-digit phone numbers, even when making a local call.

My suspicion is that this decision was made at the urging of special interests which did not want to go to the expense of reprinting their business stationery to change the area code of their phone number. That argument is completely specious, since not only businesses, but everyone else, will have to add an area code to any printed material which includes their phone number. That means that many organizations which are solely local (such as church groups, schools, civic groups, etc.) will have to reprint their phone lists to add area codes for everyone. And that will apply to everyone in the entire geographical area that now has the 801 Area Code.

It would make a lot more sense to split the current geographical area that has the 801 Area Code and give everyone in the new geographical area the new Area Code. That way, only half of the people in the present 801 geographical area would have to change their phone directories and stationery.

I hope the people at the PSC are sensible enough to realize that they have made the wrong decision, and courageous enough to reverse that wrong decision and make the correct, more sensible choice.

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