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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF TELEPHONE  
NUMBER CONSERVATION MEASURES  
FOR (801) AREA CODE RELIEF

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF  
NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING  
PLAN ADMINISTRATOR FOR A NEW  
AREA CODE WITHIN THE (801) AREA  
CODE

**PETITION TO INSTITUTE A PROCEEDING TO CONSIDER RELIEF FOR (801)  
AREA CODE AND REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE**

DOCKET NO. 99-999-04

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The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) requests the Commission to institute a formal proceeding to consider relief for the 801 area code and to consolidate Docket No. 99-999-04 with that proceeding, and in support of this Petition the DPU states as follows:

1. On November 4, 1999 Lockheed Martin IMS, as its role as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, requested the Utah Public Service Commission to decide as soon as possible on a recommended relief plan for the 801 area code. This Petition is to request the Public Service Commission to institute a formal docket to consider the relief plan proposed by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator (NANPA) declared the 801 area code to be in jeopardy and forecast a complete exhaustion of available 801 area code numbers in the first quarter of 2001. The proposed plan submitted by NANPA and the industry request the Commission to authorize an overlay relief strategy. Attachment A to this Petition is a memorandum from the Division of Public Utilities. That memorandum indicates that the DPU opposes an overlay relief plan and instead requests that a new area code split occur. The memorandum outlines the details of the DPU's proposal. It also indicates that a new area code split may be able to be delayed due to numbering conservation measures being requested from the FCC and being considered by the Commission in Docket No. 99-999-04.

2. Docket No. 99-999-04 was created by the Public Service Commission to consider numbering conservation measures that could provide area code relief. A request is pending before the Federal Communications Commission requesting authorization for the State to engage in numbering conservation measures that could result in a delay of a new area code. That request has not yet been granted by the FCC and the DPU believes that the Commission must proceed with a request by the numbering plan administrator for a new area code. In order to consider the request of the numbering plan administrator and numbering conservation measures together the DPU requests that these two proceedings be consolidated for purposes of any hearings the

Commission believes are necessary. In addition, the DPU requests that the Commission hold a pre-hearing conference to establish how it will consider the issues presented by the numbering plan administrator and the recommendations of the DPU for an alternative to that plan. The DPU suggests that a pre-hearing conference be held on Tuesday, December 21, 1999 and hereby submits a proposed Order for the Commission to issue establishing such a pre-hearing conference and consolidating the two dockets.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of December, 1999.

By

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The foregoing Petition to Institute a Proceeding to Consider Relief for (801) Area Code and Request to Consolidate were e-mailed to the Commission's telecommunications electronic service list.