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Subject: 801 Area Code Split

Dear Commission:

I am a concerned citizen writing you regarding the proposed area code split for the 801 area code. I have reviewed the information on the NANPA web site and saw the different alternatives proposed for the area. Their recommendation was alternative 4 which is for an overlay of the entire 801 area code. I personally am against overlays since they are confusing to the general public and require dialing 10 or 11 digits to call all numbers in and out of ones area code.

One option that was not shown on the NANPA web page is splitting the 801 area code into 3 area codes. One for Utah County, one for Salt Lake County and one for Davis and Weber Counties. This would allow for the maximum amount of capacity in all three areas.

Alternative 3 proposed to split the 801 area code at the Utah County/Salt Lake County line and have two area codes. This would allow for 27 years of capacity in the new area code for Utah County, but only 3.7 years for the Salt Lake/Davis/Weber Counties area code. If you made Salt Lake County and Davis/Weber Counties their own area codes, Salt Lake would have 8.3 years of capacity and the Davis/Weber Counties 24 years of capacity.

By creating 3 area codes Utah, Davis and Weber Counties would not have to make any additional changes for over two decades and Salt Lake County would have over 8 years of capacity. Hopefully with changes and upgrades of technology and the communication system, 8 years from now and at least 20, the capacity issues will be resolved.

Thank You for you consideration on this matter.

Shawn Eliot
Citizen