

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Telephone Number Conservation Measures for (801) Area Code Relief)
) DOCKET NO. 99-999-04
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) DOCKET NO. 99-999-05
In the Matter of the Request of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for a New Area Code within the (801) Area Code)
) NOTICE FOR COMMENTS ON
) PERMISSIVE DIALING PERIOD AND
) EFFECTUATING AREA CODE SPLIT
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ISSUED: February 15, 2007

By The Commission:

By Order issued April 26, 2000, the Commission decided how the geographic area served by the 801 area code (numbering plan area or NPA) would be split, with one area continuing to use the 801 area code and the other area to use a new, 385, area code. The area code or NPA split was the mechanism chosen by the Commission to address the potential exhaustion of NXX codes (sometimes called rate center codes) used in the 801 area code. In these dockets, the Commission also ordered the use of various NXX conservation means to postpone the date on which the area code split would need to be done. Use of these conservation methods has extended the anticipated area code split date numerous times from when we first addressed the issue in these dockets. However, given the current utilization rate of remaining NXX codes in the 801 area code, the Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast projects that the 801 area code will reach exhaustion in the second quarter of 2009. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator recommends that state utility commissions begin planning for an

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area code transition approximately two years prior to the forecasted exhaust. Hence, the Commission anticipates that the area code split will be effectuated before or in May of 2009.

From our April 26, 2000, Order, the following rate centers will remain in the 801 area code: Salt Lake City, Magna, Kearns, Murray, Holladay, Alta, and Midvale. All other existing 801 rate centers will be included in the 385 area code to be created. These include: Ogden, Morgan, Clearfield, Kaysville, Farmington, Bountiful, Lehi, American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Provo, Goshen, Payson, Spanish Fork, Springville, and Spanish Fork Canyon. Telephone subscribers in these areas will retain their NXX code based telephone numbers (the NXX-xxxx part of their telephone numbers), but will be associated with the new 385 area code once the area code split is effectuated. Area code splits are usually undertaken with an anticipatory period during which callers may place or make calls to telephone service customers in the new area code territory by dialing either the old or new area code (this is known as a permissive dialing period). Once the permissive dialing period ends, calls to customers in the new area code territory can only be made by using the new area code. By Memorandum dated January 30, 2007, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) has proposed that the Commission utilize a six month permissive dialing period for the new 385 NPA, followed by a three month recorded announcement period wherein callers will receive a message that provides notification that they must dial again using the 385 area code number.

The Commission gives NOTICE that it seeks comments from interested individuals on the length of an appropriate permissive dialing period, the appropriate time period for a recorded message interrupt, and comments on the appropriate date upon which to effectuate

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the 801/385 area code or NPA split. Comments should be filed with the Commission on or before March 30, 2007. The Commission will also accept reply comments to those filed by the March 30, 2007, date. Reply comments must be filed with the Commission by April 16, 2007.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 15th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary

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