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To: <psccal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 5:52 PM
Subject: Overlay area codes?

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What an idiotic idea. Don't do it. Just change Utah County to area code 666.

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"Where am I, and what am I doing in this handbasket?"

Wes Peters
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From: "Ceigler, Mike" <mceigler@nact.com>
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Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 8:59 AM
Subject: New area code

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From: "Claude Newby" <cdnewby@deseretonline.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 8:40 AM
Subject: Ten (10) digit numbers

I oppose the idea of ten digit telephone numbers because:

1. Study shows that they are beyond the range of memory recall for most people.
2. Overlapping area codes will result in unnecessary confusion and inconvenience of individuals and communities.

Thank you,

Claude Newby

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From: "Grant White" <GWhite@banta.com>
To: "psccl@state.ut.us" <psccl@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 8:40 AM
Subject: New Area Code

My vote:

1. NO overlays
2. Why not give Utah and Davis Counties their own area codes to begin with instead of dividing it again in a couple of years?

Thank you.
Grant S. White
gwhite@airswitch.net

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From: "Kathy Newton" <knewto@cougar.netutah.net>
To: "state" <psccal@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 8:00 AM
Subject: New Area Code

As residents of Utah County, we would like to voice our opinion about the new area code change. We feel it would be much better and easier in the long run, if everybody switched to the same code, rather than have to dial 10 numbers for each person you wanted to call. What a pain that would be!
Paul and Kathy Newton

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From: "Alyn Olson" <famolson@mindspring.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 9:26 PM
Subject: new idea for area codes

>"I have a suggestion for a third option for the allocation of area codes:
>Use the 435 and 801 codes for existing and new "hard-wired" phone lines,
>and use the new area code for all cell phones, pagers and other wireless
>devices (I assume the proliferation of these is the main reason telephone
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>keep their area codes ties to the geography. There should be enough
>numbers in the 435 and 801 area codes to handle traditional lines for
>many years; new area codes for wireless devices could be added as
>needed."
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This is not my idea but I sure like it. The person that started it is
unknown to me so pardon me if this is a repeat. It sounds like a very good
idea to solve the problem of new area codes.
Alyn Olson
Please do not give out this email address to anyone!

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From: "Robert Garn" <bgarn@hotmail.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 6:06 PM
Subject: New Area Code for the Salt Lake and surrounding areas.

PSC Members,

I favor a geographically split 801 area code area.

But I strongly favor NOT having to pay a long distance charge, independent of the method of splitting the 801 area code, within the current 801 area code.

Sincerely,
Robert Garn
801-968-3895
Taylorsville, UT

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From: Robert R Schaefermeyer <lagoonfreak@juno.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 6:00 PM
Subject: New area code????

To whom it may concern,

It is obvious that a new area code is needed in the Wasatch area. Of the two plans that I favor the most it would be the overlapping of the two codes. Yes, I am taking the business side of this issue but that is the logical thing to do. Even if Salt Lake County was left with the 801 code people who can call locally from Utah or Davis County would still be dialing 10 digits. Living in Kaysville I am one of those who would need to do that. I don't look at this as an evil I look at it as a necessity.

This is one thing that we committed to when we as a people started using all of the communication equipment at a faster pace than intended and we need to take responsibility.

Thanks for your time,

Robert R. Schaefermeyer
Kaysville

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From: "Darwin Sass" <dsass@browz.com>
To: <pccal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 5:55 PM
Subject: Opinion on implementation of third area code

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Hi,

I understand that I can express my desire to this email address on whether I
USWest should implement the new area code as an overlap over the 801 area or
should be assigned to a geographic area. I prefer that it be assigned to a
geographic area.

Thanks,
Darwin Sass
Layton, UT 84040

From: Chris Clark <cpclark@xmission.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 3:55 PM
Subject: Area code planning

Hi,

As I am unable to attend any of the three remaining meetings being held to discuss area-code planning, I respectfully submit my viewpoint via email:

I strongly favor the "geographical" area-code assignment plan, and oppose the "overlay zone" plan which would require everyone to dial 10-digit phone numbers even if they're calling within the same neighborhood.

While I understand the short-term impact of area-code changes on individuals and businesses, I believe the long-term benefits clearly favor geographical area-code assignments.

Sincerely,
Chris Clark
969 Pasque Drive
Salt Lake City, Ut 84123
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From: "Tom Ericksen" <tom_ericksen@modusmedia.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 3:48 PM
Subject: New Utah area code

If you are counting votes for which plan to use for the new area code, I vote for the geographical split. I would have to get a new area code, but I would prefer that to having to call my neighbors using a 10 digit number!

Tom Ericksen
801-492-3900

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Sincerely,

Mark Vernon
cinmark@parkcity.net

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From: <nmayer@es.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 3:36 PM
Subject: New area code

Dear sirs,

If you are keeping a tally of opinions on the new area code for Utah I would like you to count my opinion.

I think the new area code should be geographically based. This follows the existing precedent.

I do not want to have to start dialing 10 digits all of the time to make personal and business calls. Most of my calls are local and I want to dial as few digits as possible.

That's my opinion.

Thanks for listening,

Neal Mayer
Salt Lake City

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From: <jpack@Safety-Kleen.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 4:09 PM
Subject: New Area Code Option

I'd recommend using a new Utah area code for all wireless, PCS, and cellular phone lines (new and existing). That way traditional phone lines can continue to use the 801 and 435 area codes.

John R. Pack
1216 E. Tamara St.
Sandy, UT 84094

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From: <chardy@es.com>
 To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
 Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2000 2:28 PM
 Subject: New Area Code along Wasatch Front

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Charles Hardy
 9442 So. David St.
 Sandy, Utah 84070

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RE New area code needed along Wasatch Front

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing in regard to the need for a new area code along the Wasatch front. I urge you to reject the "overlay" option and instead implement a geographic split for the new area code. I believe the one-time, short-term cost and inconvenience to businesses and other customers who would have to change area codes will be more than offset by not having to use 10 digit phone numbers forever. The cost, time, and effort to dialing 10 rather than 7 digits is huge when taken over the entire affected population and the infinite duration.

Please reject the overlay option.

Please adopt the geographic split on new area codes.

Charles C. Hardy
 Hardware Engineer Desktop Graphics
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From: <JYoung8438@aol.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 3:04 PM
Subject: Telephone Area Codes

I live in Draper and do not want to dial 10 numbers to talk to my next-door neighbor. I vote against overlay zones.

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From: Brad Peterson <bpeterson@sonici.com>
To: "psccl@state.ut.us" <psccl@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 3:44 PM
Subject: New Utah Area Code

Please recognize this as a request to define a specific geographical territory for any new area code, rather than overlay it on the same area covered by 801. They did that in Baltimore and it was very inconvenient to need to remember and enter 10-digit phone numbers for neighbors and friends, as well as local businesses. When I call someone I usually know roughly where they are located and can therefore deduce the area code, so long as they are not overlaid.

Thanks,
Brad Peterson
WEST VALLEY CITY

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From: Deseret Mutual <davidl@utw.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 9:21 PM
Subject: Area code changes

I am unable to attend the public hearings on the proposed area code changes. However, I would like my opinion to be heard and recorded.

I am opposed to the overlay proposal. I am very much in favor of a geographical split. I would even volunteer for my area to be one to change.

I do not think the short-term pain of changing area codes for existing customers overcomes the long-term pain of having to dial ten digits to call a neighbor or business down the street.

In fact, you may want to plan ahead and split 801 into more than just two area codes right now.

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From: "EZrider" <ezrider@inet-1.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 9:46 PM
Subject: New Area Code

Dear Sir or Madam;

I would like to express my opinion regarding the implementation of a new area code for the State of Utah. I am in opposition to the overlay proposal, and ask that you implement the new area code on a regional basis.

Forcing citizen's to dial a 10-digit number to phone a neighbor across the street seems to me a poor decision. Eighty percent of my telephone calls are placed within Utah County, and even if I am forced to receive a new area code, I would prefer to dial a 7-digit number to dial a neighbor rather than a 10-digit number. I am willing to be assigned a new area code; I oppose having to dial a 10-digit number to make any and all calls.

Please consider the fact that the majority of calls placed in Utah are local, and that forcing everyone to dial a 10-digit number is intrusive to the citizens of Utah.

Respectfully,

Michael Jex
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From: KLMINVEST <mort@gatekeepers.com>
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Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2000 11:33 PM
Subject: concerning area codes

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To whom it may concern.

I would just like to give a little input to the changing of area codes. I am a Davis resident and would have really no problems with changing area codes. Thats why I like the option of just letting salt lake county have the 801 area code. I really don't like the overlay idea because if a new person moved in next door they might get a different area code and that would force you to use the 10 digit # just to call them (stupid) Well thats my two cents

A concerned Davis resident

Han and Leia:
"Stop that."
"Stop what?"
"My hands are dirty."
"My hands are dirty too. What are you afraid?"
"Afraid? I'm not afraid."
"You're trembling."
"I happen to like nice men."
"I'm nice men."
"No you're not you're--" :D

This short review of "Empire Strikes Back" was brought to you by Charlie of the DPS3KIBM founders of the BML.

(Mark your calendars! Episode I will be released on video April 4, 2000!)

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From: Roger Minert <rpmgerman@juno.com>
To: <psscal@state.ut.us>
Date: Fri, Mar 17, 2000 10:20 AM
Subject: 3rd area code

To: Public Service Commission
Re: Utah 3rd Area Code

A 3rd area code needs to make geographical sense. By that I mean, it should not be overlaid on top of the 801 area code. California has done the overlay method and it is nothing but confusing. I thought it was wrong to add the 435 code to north AND south Utah. I would recommend changing northern Utah (Davis, Weber and Box Elder Counties) to the new code. Although this may anger residents who recently changed to 435 to have to change again, in the long run it would make for far less confusion. We also do not want to have to dial 10 digits for local calls !

Thank you.

Jeanne Minert
Woods Cross, UT

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