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Subject: FW: 10 digit dialing - opposed to current position

Please see below. Apparently this did not make it before. Thank you for your consideration.

From: Edson Barton [mailto:ebarton]
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2008 2:11 PM
To: 'mlivingston@utah.gov'; 'jsharvey@utah.gov'
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Dear Mr. Harvey & Ms. Livingston:

I am writing you to please take my opposition to the currently proposed overlay area code plan that would require 10 digit dialing even for local numbers into account and to note my opposition in any official documentation on the matter and to please note it in any legislative meetings associated with this topic.

I am in favor to simply split the area now covered by 801, let part of that area keep the 801 area code, and give the new area code to the other part. This seems like the rational way to go. Salt Lake County would keep the 801 area code, while Morgan, Davis, Weber, and Utah counties would get a new area code. Personally, I don't mind getting a new area code if it means I can retain the 7-digit dialing for local calls.

I understand that the reason this decision was made is that some businesses complained that, if given a new area code, they will have to undergo the expense of printing new stationery and business cards. Being a small business owner, I understand well these expenses. However, with the overlay method, all church directories, school directories, business directories, government directories, and telephone books will also have to be reprinted to show each individual's area code. This will be a great expense to these groups and is not necessary when all members live within one area code. It would be a great waste of money and I would assume tax payer dollars in many cases. It seems that the PSC has caved in to pressure from special interest groups at the expense of many thousands of ordinary people.

Last year, although I was not aware of this, the PSC asked for public comments about this proposal. Apparently, some comments were made then and many more are being made now. It seems that many other people were also not aware of this proposal until our telephone companies recently put a notice

in with the phone bill explaining what is about to happen.

As a concerned citizen, I ask that you evaluate this decision further with more public input.

Thank you.

-Edson Barton

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