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Subject: Case No. GNR-T-15-06 – 208 Area Code

To Whom It May Concern:

In order to get a better idea of where the general public stands on the issue of relief for the 208 area code, I recommend that the PUC hold public hearings on this matter in various major communities located within Idaho.

My personal preference would be for a split, since area code 208 covers a relatively large area (in this case, an entire state), serves many communities of interest, and has a relatively low population density compared to those of major cities across the country, which would mean that many people are accustomed only to seven-digit dialing and use seven digits only for (mostly local) business. With the split option, I recommend that the southern/western section (Area B) retain area code 208 while the northern/eastern section (Area A) change to the new area code, since Area B has a greater population and more phone users than Area A.

Furthermore, I recommend monitoring the projected exhaust date closely and, if it moves out significantly, delaying and/or dismissing the relief plan if necessary.

Sincerely,



Tom Li

Jean Jewell

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 9:45 AM
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Name of Utility Company: Time-Warner
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I favor the geographic split method of adding a new area code. Area codes have historically identified a geographic area and are helpful in determining where a call is going or coming from, especially with the widespread use of caller ID.

I and others I've asked, usually decide whether to answer a call after checking the caller ID number. And I often choose purchases based on the proximity of the supplier, which I may determine from the area code.

I'm fine with changing my personal and business area code as long as it is specific to my local calling area. And I appreciate not having to dial my own area code for most calls.

For people whose phone service charges for out of area calls, the geographic split method is especially important.

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Name of Utility Company: Century Link
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Any new area code in Idaho should be geography based. This has been the method used in many states for many, many years and it makes the most sense.

What a hassle it would be to dial a 10 digit number for local calling or for my nearby friend/neighbor having to determine what area code they are in.

Like zip codes, geographic area codes work well because they are logical applications of location. An area code "overlay" fosters confusion and frustration.

It would seem best to keep the 208 area code for the Treasure valley metropolitan area where the largest number of residential, commercial and state government phone numbers are concentrated.

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