

**MEDIA ADVISORY****GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 02, 1999**CONTACT: Bart Gobeil, Public Relations Specialist****(404) 656-6558 or 1-800-282-5813**

**SOUTH GEORGIA GIVEN A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE
FROM BEING ASSIGNED A NEW AREA CODE**

ATLANTA – On March 30, 1999, Lockheed Martin IMS, **North American Numbering Plan Administration notified the** Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") that contrary to earlier reports, phone numbers in the 912 area code would not be depleted until the first quarter of 2002. As a result, South Georgia will be given a temporary reprieve from being assigned a new area code until some time next year.

Lockheed Martin, the central office code administrator for the North American Numbering Plan, had informed the Commission on February 3, 1999, that the exhaust date for 912 was expected to occur some time in early 2001. In reliance upon this projection, the Commission scheduled public meetings in Savannah, Valdosta, Macon and Albany, Georgia, on April 5, April 6, April 12, and April 13, 1999, respectively, to present information about and hear comments regarding a number of area code relief options. Once these meetings were held, the Commission planned to hold formal public hearings on April 19, 1999, to determine which area code relief option would best serve the residents of South Georgia.

Following its receipt of the extended exhaust date projection from Lockheed Martin this week, however, the Commission announced that it was rescheduling without date the public meetings that it was going to hold in Savannah, Valdosta, Macon and Albany. It is also expected that the Commission will vote next Tuesday to postpone indefinitely the public hearings scheduled for April 19, 1999.

Attachment

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March 30, 1999

Ms. Helen O'LearY

Executive Secretary

Georgia Public Service Commission

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RE: Docket 9066-U, 912 Area Code Relief

Dear Ms. O'Leary:

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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On February 3, 1999, Lockheed Martin IMS, North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), informed the Georgia Public Service Commission that the projected exhaust for the 912 NPA would occur in the first quarter of 2001. This projected exhaust date was developed using a code assignment factor based on 1998 data indicating an assignment rate of six NXX codes per month.

Since that time, NANPA has been able to extract and analyze certain data from initial 1999 Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS) returns. And as a result of that analysis, I am pleased to inform you that the projected exhaust date of the 912 NPA has been revised to be in the first quarter of 2002.

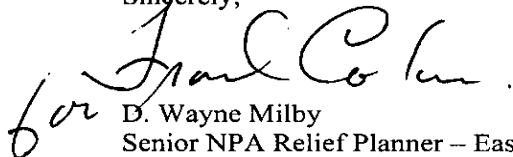
Accordingly, the potential implementation timeline for the relief of the 912 NPA based on the new projected exhaust date has been revised as follows:

- Georgia Public Service Commission decision - no later than May 4, 2000
- Effective Date of new NPA- January, 2002
- Customer notification - At least eight months prior to transition dialing period
- Transition Dialing period - At least twelve months prior to effective date

The above schedule will help to ensure sufficient time for service providers to modify their networks and to educate their customers about the introduction of a new area code in South Georgia.

It should be noted, however, that upon receipt of a decision in this matter by the Georgia Public Service Commission, the industry will need to reconvene to establish firm implementation dates suited to the type of relief (split/overlay) ordered for the

Sincerely,



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