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ATLANTA- The Georgia Public Service Commission announced today that the 912 area code public meeting in Valdosta, Georgia on August 16, 1999 at 6 PM will be held at the Lowndes County Commission boardroom located at 325 West Savannah Avenue, Valdosta, Georgia.

The meeting, which will begin promptly at 6 PM, will allow the Commission to present to the public and obtain feedback from them the options that are under consideration for 912 area code relief.

This spring the Commission was informed by the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) that due to the growth in south Georgia a new area code must be implemented by the year 2002. Following this timeline and allowing for sufficient time for consumers to adjust to the new area code, the Commission must decide on a relief plan by the end of this year (1999).

"The Commission is looking forward to visiting Lowndes County in an effort to obtain feedback from all on how to implement an area code relief plan with the least amount of disruption as possible", commented Commission Chairman Stan Wise. "It is my hope that we have a good crowd present during the meeting next Monday," he added.

The Commission will hold similar meetings in Macon, Savannah, Albany, and Brunswick during the month of August.

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