

RESOLUTION NO. 96-366

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ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO TO DISCUSS THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL OF ADDING NEW AREA CODES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS Pacific Bell Telephone Company is proposing to add new area codes to their system in Northern California; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sacramento will be directly affected by such a proposal; and

WHEREAS, to date, no public hearings have been scheduled in the City of Sacramento to discuss this proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, that it respectfully requests Pacific Bell Telephone Company to schedule hearings in the City of Sacramento to discuss the proposal of new area codes.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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added. "The question still remaining is what option will be used to implement that new area code. These meetings will give the public an opportunity to comment on the two options under consideration."

Bennett said 916 is not alone in its need for a new area code. Plans call for doubling the number of area codes statewide from 13 to 26 in the next five years to keep up with the phenomenal growth in number usage. "Californians are using phone numbers at a record pace," Bennett said, explaining that the high-technology explosion of cellular phones, fax machines and pagers is driving the rapid growth. The opening of local telephone service to competition this year is also fueling the growth, he added.

At the public meetings, telecommunications industry representatives will present the two alternatives - one using a geographic split to add the area code, the other using an overlay. A public comment period will follow.

In a geographic split, the area served by the existing area code is divided with roughly half the customers being required to change the area code portion of their phone number and the remaining customers keeping the old area code. In an overlay, the new area code is placed over the existing area code. Both have the same geographic boundaries. The new area code would be given to people who request a new phone number. Existing customers would keep their present area code.

Neither alternative would impact the price of calls. Call distance determines call price and is not impacted by the creation of a new area code.

The options under consideration for the 916 area code are:

- **Geographic Split** -- In the proposed geographic split option, the 916 portion of Sacramento County, south Placer County including the cities of Roseville, Loomis and Rocklin and the city of West Sacramento in Yolo County would stay in the 916 area code. The remainder of the 916 region would receive a new area code. This includes the rest of Placer County, the majority of Yolo County (excluding West Sacramento), the 916 portion of El Dorado County, all of Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Sierra, Butte, Glenn, Plumas, Tehama, Lassen, Shasta, Trinity, Modoc and Siskiyou counties, the 916 portion of Alpine County and small portions of Solano, Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt counties as well as the Mono County community of Coleville.

- **Overlay** -- In the overlay option proposed for 916, the new area code would be placed over the existing 916 area code. The two codes would have the same geographic boundaries. The new area code would be given to people requesting a new phone number. Existing 916 customers would keep their area code. If an overlay is chosen, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has determined that 1 + 10-digit dialing (1+the area code and the seven-digit telephone number) will be required for all calls within and between the new and old area codes.

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Under state law, the telecommunications industry is required to meet with customers and consider their input before a final area code relief plan is filed with the Commission. The Commission makes the final decision on area code relief. Customers unable to attend a meeting can send written comments to:

**Chief, Telecommunications Branch
Commission Advisory and Compliance Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness
San Francisco, CA 94102**

For information on the 916 area code public meetings and any other updates, customers may call 1-800-544-0355.

Editors Note: For further information, please call one of the Pacific Bell spokespersons listed above. Their areas of responsibility are:

- **Dave Miller** -- Sacramento, Yolo and El Dorado counties and a small portion of south Placer County.
- **Bill Kenney** - Most of Placer County, all of Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Sierra, Butte, Glenn, Plumas, Tehama, Lassen, Shasta, Trinity, Modoc and Siskiyou counties, the 916 portion of Alpine County and small portions of Solano, Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt counties and the Mono County community of Coleville.

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