NOTICE OF ADDITION OF NEW AREA CODE TO THE 209 AREA CODE

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will begin the process to introduce a new area code to the area now served by the 209 area code, as the 209 area code is expected to be depleted of phone numbers by December 2022. Pending approval by the CPUC, the new area code will be introduced on top of the 209 area code using the overlay method.

The CPUC has made available a recorded webcast to inform the public about the overlay and the addition of the new area code to the 209 area code. Topics discussed in the recorded webcast include: (1) History of the 209 area code; (2) Area code relief process; (3) Overlay relief method; (4) Effects of the pending overlay; and (5) Implementation periods. The recorded webcast will be available at https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/AreaCodes/ beginning June 1, 2021. Comments may be submitted to the CPUC Public Advisor's Office by e-mail at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, or by postal mail to 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013 by August 1, 2021. A copy of the webcast presentation slides may be requested by contacting the CPUC Public Advisor's Office by email at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, or by phone at (866) 836-7825.