

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 24th
day of March, 2022.

In the Matter of Telephone Number)
Relief for the 573 Area Code) **File No. TO-2022-0250**

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND

Issue Date: March 24, 2022

Effective Date: March 24, 2022

On March 18, 2022, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking the Commission to open a new case to consider the need for number relief in the 573 area code. Staff explains that the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) has told Staff that it projects the 573 area code will exhaust its available supply of numbers during the first quarter of 2025. The exhaustion of available numbers can be addressed either through a geographic split of the area code, or an overlay of a new area code within the existing 573 geographic area. A geographic split would divide the 573 geographic area in two, and would require the phone number of half the customers in the existing 573 area code to be changed. An overlay would not require any phone numbers to be changed, but would require all customers to use ten-digit local dialing for calls.

NANPA will work to develop both a geographic split and an overlay option, but Staff indicates the overlay option is more efficient and less disruptive to consumers. Staff asks the Commission issue an order by May 1, 2022, directing NANPA to proceed with development of an overlay plan, thereby avoiding the work required to address a geographic split.

The Commission will direct that notice of this case be sent to potentially interested stakeholders, and will establish a time for intervention and the filing of responses to Staff's recommendation. Customers and other stakeholders can file comments without applying to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Data Center shall send a copy of this order to each certificated interexchange and basic local exchange telecommunications company in Missouri and to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media and members of the General Assembly serving the 573 area code geographic area.
3. Any party wishing to intervene shall do so no later than April 11, 2022.
4. Any person wishing to comment shall do so no later than April 15, 2022.
5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

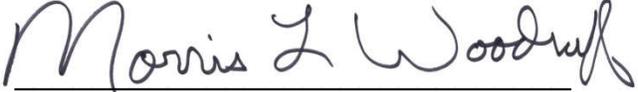
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 24th day of March, 2022.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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Company in Missouri**

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