September 14, 2016.

Re: NPA 986 to Overlay NPA 208 (Idaho)

Dear Customer,

On November 2, 2015, the State of Idaho Public Utilities Commission in its order of Case Number: GNR-T-15-06, Order Number 33414, approved an all services overlay as the relief method for the 208 NPA. The 208 NPA serves the entire state of Idaho. The new **986 NPA** will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 208 NPA.

When the new 986 NPA is introduced, no changes will take place to the dialing plans in the area that is served by NPA 208 and will be served by NPA 986. The dialing plan in this area will continue to be:

- all local calls including Extended Area Service calls will be dialed with 10 digits; and,

- toll and alternatively billed calls will be dialed with 10 digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s).

**Implementation of Relief Plan**

Implementation of the overlay of the 986 NPA is as follows:

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|  | Time | Date |
| Start Network Preparation and  Customer Education |  | 05/5/2016 |
| Continue/Start permissive  seven-, ten-, and eleven-digit  local dialing | 12:01 AM ET | 11/5/2016 |
| End of permissive dialing and  start of mandatory ten-digit/  eleven-digit local dialing | 12:01 AM ET | 08/5/2017 |
| Earliest new NPA central office  code activation date \* | - | 09/5/2017 |
| Earliest date central office  codes in the new NPA may be  ordered through NANPA | - | 07/1/2017 |

\* Effective Date of the New 986 NPA

During the permissive dialing period, subscribers may dial local calls within the overlay area on either a 7-digit or 10-digit basis, but will be encouraged to dial 10-digits. After the permissive period ends, all calls must be dialed using 10-digits.

When preparing for overlay area code relief, carriers are strongly encouraged to prepare their switches to begin sending 10 digits prior to the mandatory 10-digit dialing conversion date for customers.

**PHASE I**

**Permissive Dialing Date –Began November 5, 2016:** During the permissive dialing period, subscribers may dial local calls within the overlay area on either a 7-digit or 10-digit basis, but will be encouraged to dial 10-digits. After the permissive period ends, all calls must be dialed using 10-digits.

When preparing for overlay area code relief, carriers are strongly encouraged to prepare their switches to begin sending 10 digits prior to the mandatory 10-digit dialing conversion date for customers.

**PHASE II**

**Mandatory 10 Digit Dialing Date – August 5, 2017:** All callers must dial local calls with 10 digits. If you inadvertently dial 7 digits, your call will not be completed and a recording will prompt you to hang up and dial again.

**Dialing Plan**

Coincident with the introduction of mandatory 10-digit dialing on 08/5/2017, the dialing plan for the 208 and 986 NPAs will be as follows:

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| Type of call | Call terminating in | Dialing plan |
| Local Call | Home NPA (HNPA) or  Foreign NPA (FNPA) | 10-digits (NPA-NXX-XXXX) |
| Toll Call | HNPA or FNPA | 1 + 10-digits (1 + NPA-NXX-XXXX) |
| Operator Services  Credit card, collect, third party | HNPA or FNPA | 0 + 10-digits (0 + NPA-NXX-XXXX) |

To prepare for this overlay, please note the following:

* Notify your clients, vendors, domestic and international of your new area code.
* Inform employees, customers, and co-workers.
* Changes in telephone equipment should be directed to the equipment vendor.
* Utilize the applicable test number to make sure your equipment recognizes the new area code.
* Update all correspondence, such as stationery, business cards, checks, brochures, promotional items, internet web pages, catalogs, directory listings.
* Reprogram features such as Auto-Dialing, Speed dialing, and Call Forwarding.
* Reprogram security doors and gate systems.
* Contact your service provider to update your cell phone and other wireless communications.
* Internet dial-up connection may need reprogramming or upgraded.
* Notify Alarm system providers of the new area code + telephone number so they can update their records and equipment as needed.

The area code overlay will not affect the cost of a call. Costs incurred for updating systems and revising printed materials is the responsibility of the customer. The directory listings (white pages) will be updated by the telecommunications industry. Listings appearing in other directories will be the responsibility of the customer.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Premier Specialist or Customer Service 1-866-847-5500