

Announcement

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New Area Code for the 403 Area - TELUS

TELUS Communications announces an update to the introduction of the new 780 area code effective January 25, 1999, as a solution to telephone number congestion in the 403 NPA. The split was previously announced in Stentor Industry Advisory SIA-3x, dated May 29, 1998.

The addition of a new area code is being triggered by strong demand for telephone numbers. According to projections, the 403 area code would be depleted by early 1999 if no action was taken.

Following consultation meetings with telecommunications industry members, Industry Canada and the CRTC, it was agreed that a geographic split would be used to relieve the congestion in the 403 NPA.

A north/south split is to be introduced with a horizontal boundary line drawn north of Red Deer and Stettler. All areas and communities south of the boundary line will retain the 403 area code, areas and communities north of the line will be assigned the new 780 area code. All inter- 403/780 Extended Flat Rate Calling (EFRC) calls may be dialed on a 7-digit or a 10-digit basis without a prefix.

Compatibility Impact:

There will be a permissive dialing period beginning 00:01 AM Mountain Standard Time January 25th, 1999 and ending 00:01 AM Mountain Daylight Saving Time May 18th, 1999. During this period, either the 403 or 780 NPA code will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 780 NPA. After the permissive period, all calls dialed with the incorrect NPA will be routed to intercept.

Documentation:

For more information on the area code split, please refer to the Lockheed Martin North American Numbering Plan Letter PL-NANP-148, dated January 8, 1999. This letter is available via the internet at <http://www.nanpa.com>.

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