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Local 10-digit dialing required June 1 in 512 737 area code numbers to be issued beginning July 1

Central Texas telephone customers within the 512 area code will need to dial 10 digits (area code + phone number) for all local calls beginning Saturday, June 1, 2013.

The change is needed to accommodate new area code 737. Telephone providers can issue new numbers with the 737 area code beginning Monday, July 1, 2013. The new area code is needed to handle regional growth along with the added demand for new wireless phone numbers and business landlines. The remaining available numbers in the 512 area code are forecast to last until late 2013.

The all services overlay means current customers in the 512 area code keep their 512 numbers. New customers could be assigned numbers with either the 737 or the 512 area code. All customers are required to dial 10 digits for all local calls.

Area code 512 serves Travis, Williamson, Hays, Burnet, Lampasas, Caldwell, Bastrop, Lee, Milam, Mills, Coryell, San Saba, Bell, Fayette, Guadalupe, Comal, Blanco, Llano and Burleson counties. A coverage map is on the next page.

An English and Spanish language fact sheet with frequently asked questions is at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/maps/areacodes/512_overlay/TX512_Final_Notice.pdf

The 512 area code is one of the four original Texas codes established in 1947 and served most of central and south Texas. In 1992 the area code 210 was placed in service for San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley region. The 512 area code territory became even smaller in 1999 when the 361 area code began for Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend region.

The new 737 area code will be the twenty-fifth area code in Texas and the first one introduced in ten years. Number conservation measures such as number pooling have reduced the need to launch new area codes as rapidly as it was done in the 1990's.

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