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**CPUC PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL
PHONE NUMBERS FOR 619 REGION**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has taken action to ensure that phone numbers continue to be available to meet demand in the 619 area code by allowing both the 619 and 858 area codes to be used in the same geographic region.

The 619 area code is expected to use up its available prefixes by March 2019. The 619/858 area code overlay approved by the CPUC last week eliminates the boundaries between the 619 and 858 area codes in the San Diego region, making either area code available to serve the current 619 and 858 geographic region. In a traditional area code overlay, a new area code is added to the existing geographic area served by the area code in which numbers are depleting. In this case, instead of adding a new area code to the 619 area code region, the CPUC eliminated the boundaries in which the two area codes can be allocated so that the 619 and 858 numbers will be available for the whole region.

All customers with existing 619 and 858 numbers will retain their current telephone numbers; however, customers must dial 1 plus the three-digit area code for all calls to and from telephone numbers with the 619 and 858 area codes. Customers can begin to use this new dialing procedure (1+10 digit dialing) starting in October 2017 (called the permissive dialing period), and must use the new dialing procedure at the start of the mandatory dialing period in April 2018.

The area served by the 619 area code, largely made up of the City of San Diego, includes the southern portion of the City of San Diego, and the adjacent cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Santee, and unincorporated areas of



San Diego County. The area served by the 858 area code comprises the northern portion of the City of San Diego along with the adjacent cities of Del Mar, Poway, Solana Beach, and a small portion of the City of Encinitas as well as an unincorporated area of San Diego County.

The 619 area code is bordered on the north by the 858 area code and to the east by the 760/442 area code overlay.

The proposal voted on is available at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M182/K363/182363644.PDF>.

More information on the 619 area code is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/619areacode.

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